

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE DEVELOPMENT

## MEDIA RELEASE

## STATE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TRAVELS TO ORANGE AND WEST WYALONG

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The New South Wales Legislative Council Standing Committee on State Development is holding a public hearing on Monday 14 August 2017 at the Orange Ex-Services Club.

The Hon Greg Pearce MLC, Chair of the Standing Committee on State Development, said "The public hearing is another valuable opportunity for the committee to collect evidence for our two current inquiries into Regional development and a global Sydney, and the Defence industry in New South Wales.'

Mr Pearce continued, 'For the Regional development and a global Sydney inquiry we are interested in hearing about ideas for how the Central West regions can benefit from the expansion of international trade, infrastructure, employment, tourism, innovation and research in the greater Sydney region'.

'Regarding the Defence industry in New South Wales inquiry, we are interested in learning about the Central West's approach to encouraging defence industry innovation, research and education, and workforce development,' Mr Pearce concluded.

Public hearing participants include representatives from: Bathurst Regional Council, Parkes Shire Council, Bland Shire Council and the Newell Highway Promotions Committee, Orange City Council, Central NSW Councils (Centroc), Evocities, and Charles Sturt University.

The committee will also visit West Wyalong to see how regionally based companies address challenges regarding export, freight and developing a resilient economy.

The public hearing schedule for 14 August 2017 is available on the committee's website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/statedevelopment.

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