



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE DEVELOPMENT

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **STATE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TRAVELS TO ARMIDALE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**24 August 2017**

The New South Wales Legislative Council Standing Committee on State Development is holding a public hearing on Tuesday 29 August 2017 at Armidale Regional Council Chambers.

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 region 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 region’s approach to encouraging defence industry innovation, research and education, and workforce development,’ Mr Pearce concluded.

Public hearing participants include representatives from: Armidale Regional Council, the University of New England and the NSW Government’s Office of Regional Development.

The committee will also visit the University of New England’s Smart Farm to discuss how new and emerging technologies are improving productivity, environmental sustainability, safety, workflow, and social and business support networks on Australian farms.

The public hearing schedule for 29 August 2017 is available on the committee’s website at [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/statedevelopment](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/statedevelopment).

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