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STATE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO HOLD ROUNDTABLES INTO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND A GLOBAL SYDNEY, AND THE DEFENCE INDUSTRY IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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The Standing Committee on State Development is holding a public roundtable on Tuesday 27 March 2018 for its inquiry into regional development and a global Sydney.

The Hon Taylor Martin MLC, Chair of the Standing Committee on State Development, said ‘The committee has previously identified certain key themes and priorities, such as greater collaboration and removing obstacles to attract people to the regions, that require specific action to facilitate development in regional New South Wales’.

Mr Martin continued, ‘The roundtable is an opportunity to discuss and test possible recommendations the committee can make to government so that regional New South Wales can better benefit from Sydney’s growing prominence as a global city’.

Roundtable participants include representatives from: the community, industry and economic sectors, local councils across the state, and state and federal government departments.

The committee will also conduct a roundtable with key representatives from the defence industry on 4 April 2018. This roundtable will focus on opportunities to grow the state’s defence industry and support research and innovation in the sector. Participants will include representatives from industry, academia and state and federal government.

Mr Martin said, ‘Defence and defence industry makes a substantial contribution to the New South Wales economy and is a key driver of employment in many regional centres. This roundtable will seek to identify measures that will maximise opportunities for New South Wales industry given the Australian Government’s significant investment in Australian defence capability’.

The roundtable schedules for both inquiries are available on the committee’s website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/statedevelopment.

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