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REGIONAL AVIATION INQUIRY PARTICIPATION REACHES NEW HEIGHTS

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Have you ever been left stranded on the tarmac? Or wanted to fly somewhere regional and no airline serviced the area? Wanted to raise the issue with someone but didn't know who or how? Well now is your chance!

On 23 May 2014 an upper house committee is investigating regional aviation services and will be seeking input from witnesses including Qantas, REX, Bankstown Airport, Inland NSW Tourism, Regional Development Australia and the Regional Aviation Association of Australia.

The Committee is inviting the public to tweet or email questions to put to airline representatives and the other witnesses.

'In a first for a NSW parliamentary committee, we are putting ourselves in the hands of the public, and giving citizens the chance to ask the questions', said the committee chair, the Hon Rick Colless MLC.

'Airline services to and from Sydney affect the lives of everyone who lives in regional NSW. We think those most affected should have the chance to put questions to the witnesses.'

Further hearings will be held in Wagga Wagga, Bega, Tamworth, Moree and Dubbo during June and July. A final Sydney hearing is scheduled for 15 August 2014.

'We invite the members of the community to attend a hearing and find out what is happening in the regional aviation industry,' Mr Colless said.

Witnesses appearing in Sydney on 23 May 2014 include Qantas Airways and Regional Express REX. The full hearing schedule can be found on the Committee's website: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/regionalaviation.



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