GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 6

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Committee to visit Nowra and Wollongong for inquiry into vocational education and training

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The parliamentary committee inquiring into vocational education and training in New South Wales will hold public hearings in Nowra and Wollongong on 12 October 2015.

The committee will hear from a range of local stakeholders at these hearings, including TAFE teachers, representatives of the TAFE NSW Illawarra Institute, private training providers and local employers.

The chair of the committee, the Hon Paul Green MLC, said: "One of the key issues in this inquiry is the role played by public and private VET providers, including in the delivery of services to regional and rural communities. It is essential to hear from a wide range of local stakeholders so that the committee is informed about the issues facing regional communities when it comes to vocational education and training."

The public hearings and public forum will take place at the following times and locations:

- The hearing in Nowra will be held in Room L.1.03, Block L, Nowra TAFE from 10.00 am until 12.00 pm.
- The hearing in Wollongong will be held in the Auditorium, Block P, Wollongong TAFE from 3.00 pm until 6.00 pm.

The committee will also hold a public hearing for the inquiry at Parliament House, Sydney on Monday 9 November 2015.

The schedules for each public hearing, along with other information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference and submissions, will be available on the committee's <u>website</u>.

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