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STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE DEVELOPMENT

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REGIONAL AVIATION INQUIRY FINAL HEARING LANDS IN SYDNEY

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The Standing Committee on State Development will conduct its final hearing in Sydney on 15 August 2014.

The chair of the committee, Mr Rick Colless, said: 'Over the past few months, the committee has held six hearings, five of which have been in regional locations. This has allowed the committee to consult widely with the community on the issues surrounding regional air services and the challenges faced when an air service ceases. The committee has also heard from several local councils and concerns have been raised about the cost of maintaining an airport, which is still a necessity even without a regular passenger transport service.'

At the seventh hearing in Sydney, the committee will receive evidence from government and industry representatives including the NSW Government, Airport Coordination Australia, Sydney Airport Corporation Limited, the Australian Airports Association, the Local Government and Shires Association, the Aviator Group, the NSW Business Chamber, and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority.

Mr Colless encourages the community to participate by tweeting or emailing questions for the committee to ask witnesses. 'This is a great opportunity for the community to ask questions of these key stakeholders. We encourage you to tweet or email the committee. If you have the opportunity come along and sit in the public gallery.'

The hearing will be held at Parliament House and commence at 9.00 am. The full hearing schedule can be found on the Committee's website:

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