



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE DEVELOPMENT

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **SHOULD PLANNING PROCESSES BE THE SAME IN BROKEN HILL AND BONDI?**

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**8 December 2015**

In August a Legislative Council inquiry was launched into regional planning processes in New South Wales. The committee is very interested in stakeholder views.

‘We would like to hear the experiences of the community, businesses and organisations regarding planning processes in regional areas and how these processes might differ from the processes in major urban areas such as Sydney and Newcastle. For example should the same planning processes for building a house in Bondi apply in Broken Hill?’ said the Hon Greg Pearce MLC, Chair of the State Development Committee.

Mr Pearce continued ‘The Government’s recent changes in November to fast-track complying development assessments in 110 rural and regional local government areas is a good example of the strategies that might contribute to the growth and revitalisation of regional communities in New South Wales’.

‘We are seeking ideas that will stimulate regional development and reduce the time and complexity of the planning approval process while maintaining community expectations regarding the environment and the economic aspirations of local businesses’, Mr Pearce concluded.

The closing date for submissions has been extended to Friday 5 February 2016. Submissions should be lodged online at [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/statedevelopment](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/statedevelopment). The committee will hold a public hearing in Sydney on 11 March 2016 with regional hearings to be held later in 2016.

For more information, including terms of reference and guidelines for making a submission, please visit the committee’s website.

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