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STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE DEVELOPMENT

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NSW STATE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE VISITING DUBBO ON 5 APRIL 2016

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The NSW Upper House State Development Committee is coming to Dubbo on Tuesday 5 April 2016 to conduct a public hearing for its two current inquiries into economic development in Aboriginal communities and regional planning processes in NSW.

The hearing will take place in Western Plains Cultural Centre, 76 Wingewarra Street, from 11.30 am until 4.00 pm.

‘The committee invites you to come and listen to the hearing where local government officials, the Dubbo Local Aboriginal Land Council and Murdi Paaki Enterprise Corporation are coming to give evidence’ said the Hon Greg Pearce, Chair of the State Development Committee.

Mr Pearce continued ‘The purpose of the inquiry into economic development in Aboriginal communities is for the committee to develop practical and achievable recommendations to ensure economic development that delivers long-lasting benefits for Aboriginal people and their communities’.

‘While the purpose of the inquiry into regional planning processes in NSW is to seek 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 hearing schedule for 5 April is available on the committee’s website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/statedevelopment. If you interested in making a written submission to either inquiry, email the committee secretariat at state.development@parliament.nsw.gov.au.

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