

**Submission
No 15**

**INQUIRY INTO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
IN CENTRAL WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES**

Organisation: Emmdale Landcare

Date received: 25/08/2011

EMMDALE LANDCARE

From the Office of the Treasurer

John Elliott

Moira Plains Wilcannia NSW 2836

18th August 2011

The Director
Standing Committee on State Development
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam

I welcome the opportunity to submit a paper to your Inquiry into Economic and Social Development in Central Western New South Wales.

In particular, I refer to the Emmdale Emergency Aerodrome situated beside the Barrier Highway, 100 km east of Wilcannia and 160km west of Cobar. The area is covered by the Royal Flying Doctor Service, operating from Broken Hill.

For several years there have been calls for the sealing of this important facility and the installation of a reliable lighting system for emergency use. Earlier this year, the severe weather made the aerodrome unusable. Emmdale is the only emergency airstrip for hundreds of kilometres in either direction.

I understand that this may well be a Federal Government issue but support from your enquiry to the Federal Government and the Royal Flying Doctor Service would certainly help our cause.

Yours faithfully,

J. A. Elliott