

**Submission  
No 58**

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

**Organisation:** Broken Hill High School students

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## **Broken Hill High School Students: Submission to Inquiry into economic and social development in central western New South Wales**

On 4 November, a group of Broken Hill students from Years 10 and 11 attended an information session on Parliamentary Committees. The session was run in conjunction with a public hearing of the Inquiry, held in Broken Hill, into economic and social development in central western NSW. During a group work session the students considered the issues being examined by the Committee, and came up with the following points to be submitted to the Inquiry.

### **What are the positives about Broken Hill that make it attractive to both locals and to people considering relocating to regional NSW?**

- Everything is in close proximity.
- A variety of recreational activities (aquatic centre – one of the best in regional area, sporting activities).
- Strong heritage, famous town.
- Warm climate.
- Sense of space (it's a country city).
- Affordable housing.
- A sense of community.
- Closeness within the community.
- Support for children, child care, sporting clubs, toy library, seven primary schools.
- Support facilities for mentally ill, Lifeline, St Vinnies, Maari Ma.
- Access to dental/medical centres – a new medical superclinic/centre is soon to be developed.
- Tourist attractions – for example: Bella Milk Bar, Line of Load, Mines, Zinc Lakes, Harness Racing, Pro Hart Gallery, Sculpture Symposium.
- Film Studio.
- Pro Talent program – giving locals more opportunities in music, art and modelling etc. Competitions such as Miss Country Girl.
- TAFE – Robinson College.
- Mining employment opportunities.
- Good sporting opportunities.

### **What can the Government do to improve to improve Broken Hill to improve it socially and economically, particularly for young people?**

- Tertiary education facilities.
- Health services (MRI, CT scan), more hospital beds.
- Aged care facilities.
- Emergency services.
- Situational crime prevention (CCTV in CBD).
- Fixing local roads and footpaths.
- Fixing the landscape to make Broken Hill more inviting to tourists.

- More facilities to compensate for teenagers, such as better cinema, shopping centre, gyms.
- Invest in developers to create housing estates.
- Re-establish the old drive-in movie theatre.
- Open Imperial Lake to the public.
- Provide assistance to small businesses that are just starting up.
- Provide bike tracks.
- Better public transport.

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