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Provision and operation of rural and regional air services in New South Wales

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That the Standing Committee on State Development inquire into and report on the provision and operation of rural and regional air services in New South Wales, and in particular the impact on country communities of:

- landing fees at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport;
- landing fees at regional airports;
- the allocation of slot times at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport;
- proposals to limit access to Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport and direct country services to Bankstown Airport; and
- the impacts of deregulation of New South Wales air services on the provision of services to smaller regional centres and towns in New South Wales including consideration of measures to maintain services.

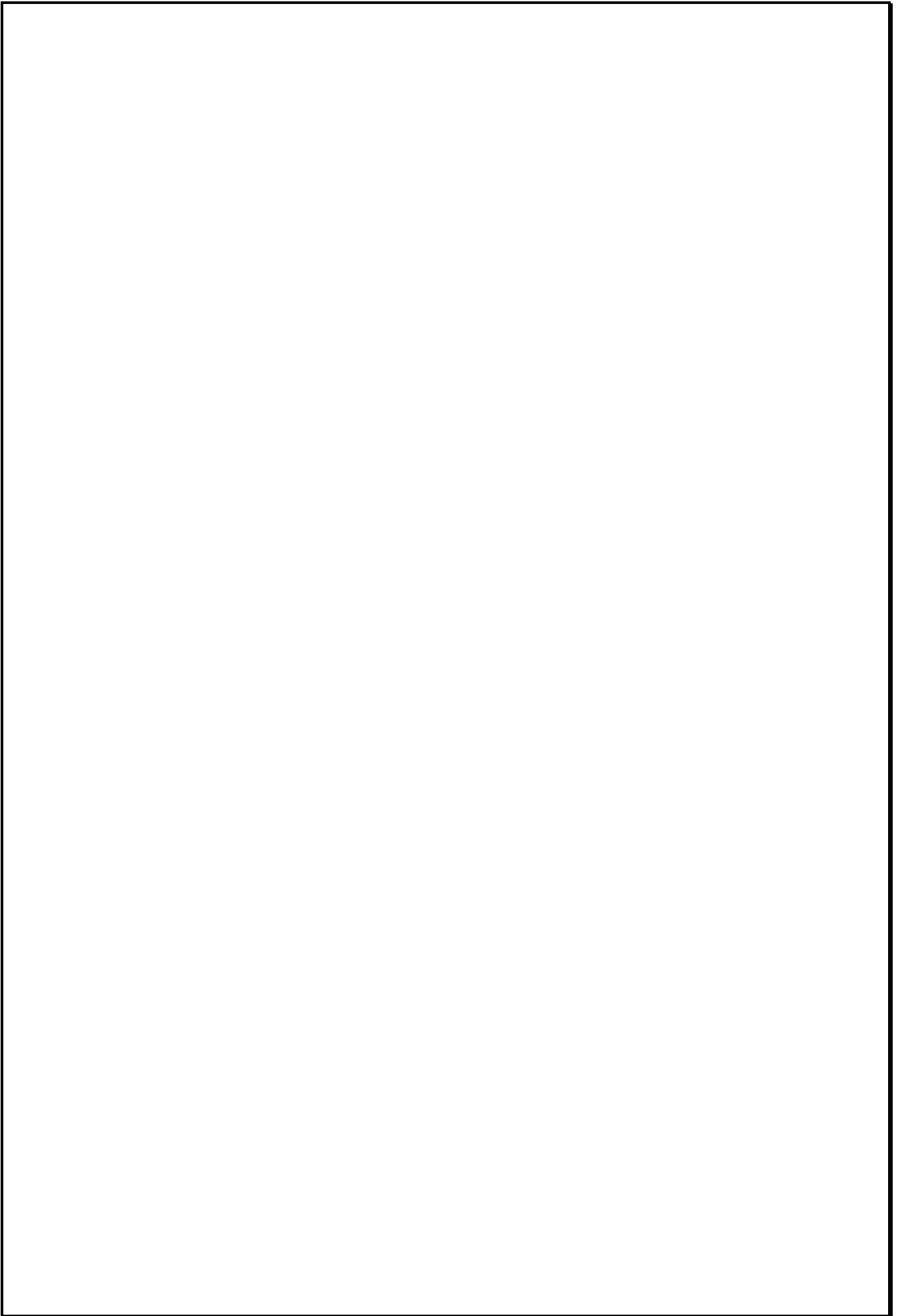


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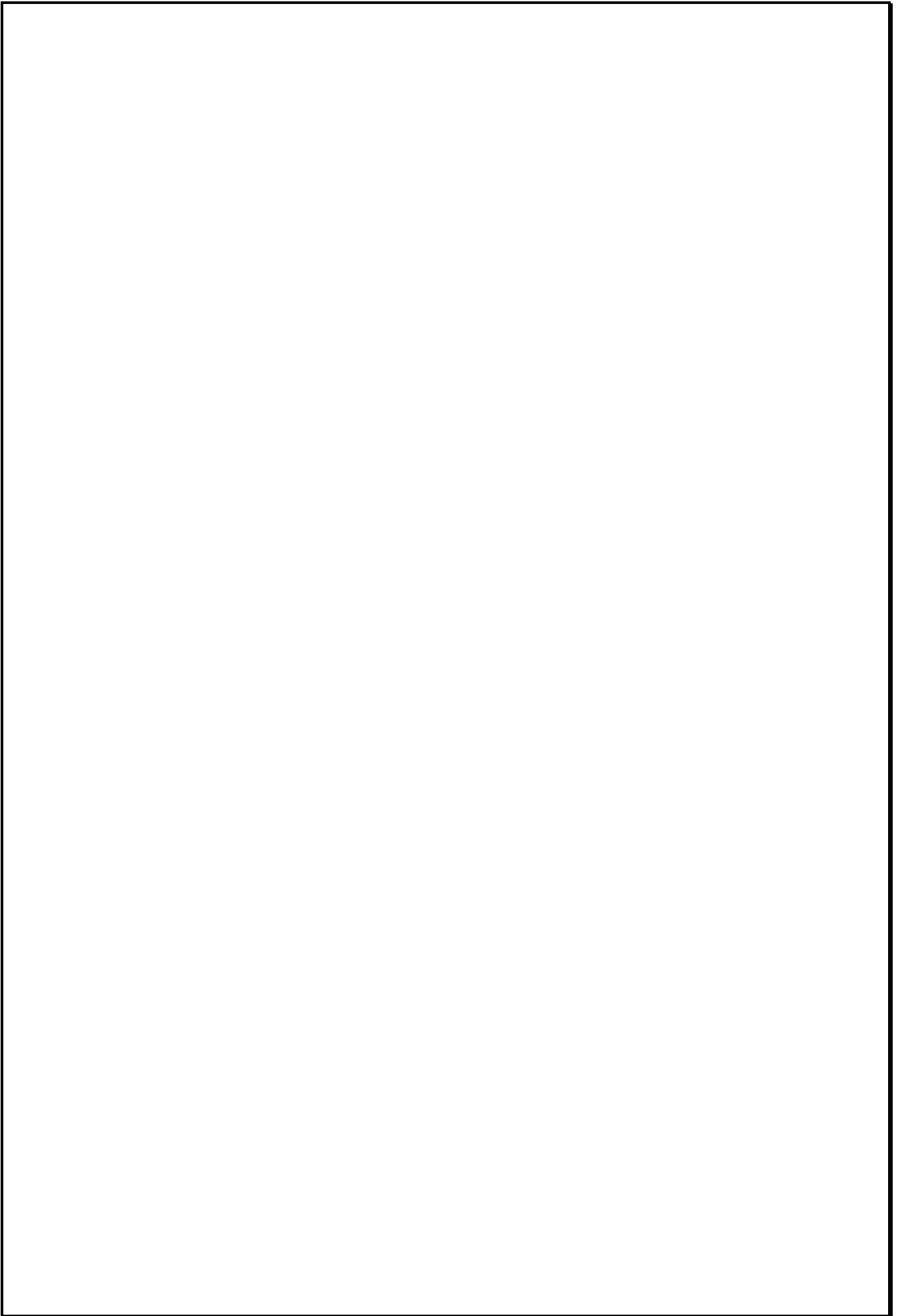
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ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

In June 1988, the Legislative Council of the New South Wales Parliament resolved to establish two Standing Committees—the Standing Committee on Social Issues and the Standing Committee on State Development. After the 1995 election a third Committee, the Standing Committee on Law and Justice, was established. At that time the Standing Committee on Privilege and Ethics was reconstituted by resolution.

The functions of the State Development Committee, as set out in the Resolutions of the Legislative Council, are to inquire into, consider and report to the Council on:

- options for future policy directions and emerging issues to ensure that opportunities for sound growth and wise development for the benefit of the people in all areas of New South Wales are pursued;
- any proposal, matter or thing concerned with economics and finances, resources and energy, transportation, tourism, public administration, local government, Olympics, primary industry, industrial and technological developments and environmental issues in New South Wales;
- employment practices, issues and conditions; and
- any proposal, matter or thing concerned with the problems or disadvantages uniquely or predominantly experienced in country areas, including the viability of cities and towns in those areas.

OPERATION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

Matters for inquiry may be referred to the Standing Committee by a Minister of the Crown or by resolution of the Legislative Council. Additionally the Standing Committee may inquire into and report to the House on any annual report or petition that has been tabled in the Legislative Council that is relevant to the functions of the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee may publish papers and evidence taken in public, as it considers appropriate. In that connection the Standing Committee may prepare and distribute discussion papers as aids to its inquiries.

The Legislative Council resolution enables the Standing Committee to:

- summons witnesses;
- make inspections;
- call upon the services of government organisations and their staff with the consent of the appropriate Minister;
- accept written submissions concerning inquiries from any person or organisation;
- conduct public hearings; and/or
- meet and make joint reports with other federal and state parliamentary committees.

Reports must be tabled in the Legislative Council within ten days of adoption by the Standing Committee. Each report is debated in the House. The Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council is required to respond within six months to any recommendations for Government action that have been set out in Standing Committee reports.

