



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE DEVELOPMENT

Inquiry into regional planning processes in NSW

That the Standing Committee on State Development inquire into and report on regional planning processes in NSW, and in particular:

- (a) opportunities to stimulate regional development under the planning framework including through legislation, policy, strategy and governance,
- (b) constraints to regional development imposed by the planning framework, and opportunities for the framework to better respond to regional planning issues,
- (c) the suitability of a stand-alone regional planning Act,
- (d) the effectiveness of environmental planning instruments including State Environmental Planning Policies and Local Environmental Plans (including zoning) to stimulate regional development, and opportunities to improve their effectiveness,
- (e) opportunities to increase delegations for regional councils in regard to the planning making processes,
- (f) opportunities for strategic planning to assist in responding to challenges faced by communities in regional areas including through Regional Plans,
- (g) opportunities for government-led incentives that promote regional development,
- (h) pathways to improve decision making processes for regional development proposals, including increasing the use of complying development, improving negotiation processes for voluntary planning agreements, and reducing costs associated with assessment, and any other related matter.

Committee membership

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