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### Select Committee on Regional Development and Decentralisation

Inquiry into Regional Development and Decentralisation

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## Committee convenes regional development roundtable

The Select Committee on Regional Development and Decentralisation will convene a roundtable in Canberra today to kick off its inquiry.

The Chair of the Committee, Dr John McVeigh MP said, “the Committee is bringing together a panel of experts to learn more about best practice in regional development, and how best to support sustainable rural and regional towns. This is an exciting opportunity to hear from leading experts and practitioners in the field, which will help the Committee to identify some key issues for closer examination throughout the inquiry.” Dr McVeigh said.

The panel will include the following people:

- **Mr Jack Archer:** CEO Regional Australia Institute;
- **Professor Andrew Beer:** University of South Australia, Chair Regional Studies Association;
- **Professor John Cole OAM:** Executive Director of the Institute for Resilient Regions at the University of Southern Queensland;
- **Ms Anne Dunn:** Director, Every Voice Inc;
- **Professor Fiona Haslam McKenzie:** Co-Director/Senior Principal Research Fellow, Centre for Regional Development, University of Western Australia; and
- **Professor Tony Sorensen:** University of New England

The roundtable is open to the public. Details of the roundtable proceedings, and a transcript of the discussion will be available on the Committee’s website.

#### Roundtable details:

**Monday 7 August 2017, 11.00 am to 12.30 pm, Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra.**

The hearing will be broadcast live at [aph.gov.au/live](http://aph.gov.au/live)

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