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### Select Committee on Regional Development and Decentralisation

Inquiry into Regional Development and Decentralisation

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## Hunter Valley to host the Select Committee on Regional Development and Decentralisation

Newcastle will host the next public hearing of the Select Committee on Regional Development and Decentralisation.

The Chair of the Committee, Dr John McVeigh MP, said “this will be the Committee’s second public hearing in New South Wales, and will be held at the University of Newcastle’s new \$95-million NeW Space campus. The Committee is looking forward to hearing about the innovative strategies that drive growth and regional development in this area.

“The Hunter Valley is one of the more heavily-populated regional locations in Australia, with a highly diversified economy centred on mining, shipping, energy, wine production and tourism. The Committee is keen to hear about the strategies and approaches taken to adapt to shifts in the global economy over the last decades. How different regional locations use their endogenous strengths to promote development and reinvigorate their communities is of interest to the Committee.” Dr McVeigh said.

Dr McVeigh indicated that witnesses will include business and community leaders, universities, and regional development specialists.

The hearing will be broadcast live at [aph.gov.au/live](http://aph.gov.au/live) and a transcript will be available on the Committee’s website.

#### Public hearing details

##### **Newcastle**

**Time:** [9.00am –1:00pm \(click to listen live\)](#)

**Date:** **Thursday 2 November 2017**

**Location:** **The NeW Space University of Newcastle City Campus, Room-X703-Moot Court, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, 409 Hunter Street, Newcastle, NSW**

For the full program of this public hearing, see the Committee’s [website](#).

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