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Inquiry into Regional Development and Decentralisation

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Taking tips from Toowoomba

The House Select Committee on Regional Development and Decentralisation will hear about Toowoomba's success as a regional town on Tuesday.

The Deputy Chair of the Committee, Ms Meryl Swanson MP, said "Toowoomba has been consistently highlighted as a successful example of regional development in Australia. A region that is doing things well."

"Public and private investment in Toowoomba has led to major infrastructure projects such as the Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport, the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing, and the Inland Rail project. Redevelopment of the City's retail precinct has also transformed the area."

"The Committee is keen to explore what drives this success." Ms Swanson said.

Witnesses appearing at the hearing include the Toowoomba Regional Council, Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce, Regional Development Australia, Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise, Regional Solutions, the University of Southern Queensland, Oakey Beef Exports and the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service.

The Committee will also conduct site visits at the Pulse Data Centre and Interlink SQ.

The hearing will be broadcast live at aph.gov.au/live and a transcript will be available on the Committee's website.

Public hearing details

Toowoomba

Time: [8.30am – 1.30pm \(click to listen live\)](#)

Date: **Tuesday, 13 March**

Location: **Toowoomba City Library**

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

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