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### Select Committee on Regional Development and Decentralisation

Inquiry into Regional Development and Decentralisation

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## Regional roundtable reunites

The Select Committee on Regional Development and Decentralisation will today convene a roundtable in Canberra which will end its public hearing schedule for its inquiry.

The Acting Chair of the Committee, Ms Meryl Swanson MP said, “the Committee is again bringing together the Expert Panel to review and discuss the evidence gathered by the Committee since August 2017”.

“We look forward to receiving their valuable analysis. The Committee will use that analysis to help formulate our recommendations to government on how best to encourage regional development and what role decentralisation should have in that development.”

The panel includes 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 Public Hearing details:**

##### **Canberra**

**Time:** [3.30pm – 6.00pm \(click to listen live\)](#)

**Date:** **Wednesday 28 March 2018**

**Location:** **Committee Room 2R2, Parliament House**

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

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