
Report Title	C. Late report – Inquiry into the indicators of, and impact of, regional inequality in Australia
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council consider making a submission to the Senate Economics References Committee in relation to the inquiry into the indicators of, and impact of, regional inequality in Australia.

REPORT

ALIGNMENT WITH MOREE PLAINS 2027 – YOUR SHIRE. THE PLAN. OUR FUTURE

- An Inclusive, Caring Community**
Not applicable
- Sustainable Spaces and Places**
Not applicable
- A Vibrant Regional Economy**
Not applicable
- A Leading Organisation**
L2.3 Advocate on behalf of the community for today and our future to ensure the sustainability of the Shire

BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

The Senate Economics References Committee (**the Committee**) has invited Council to make a submission in relation to the inquiry into the indicators of, and impact of, regional inequality in Australia.

The Committee is seeking written submissions from interested individuals and organisations in an electronic form submitted online. Submissions should address the inquiry's Terms of Reference. In particular, the Committee would like to hear about:

- Experiences of individuals and localities of unequal access to opportunities and unequal outcomes in non-metropolitan areas
- Views on the causes of inequality between regions, especially between capital cities and other areas
- Analysis of the economics of regional inequality, including wider impacts
- Examples of solutions: what has caused some regions or towns to prosper?
- Policy settings which could help address inequality between regions.

Terms of Reference

On 14 February 2018 the following matter was referred to the Committee for inquiry and report by the last day on Parliamentary sitting in June 2019.

The indicators of, and impact of, regional inequality in Australia, with particular reference to government policies and programs in the following areas:

- a) Fiscal policies at federal, state and local government levels
- b) Improved co-ordination of federal, state and local government policies
- c) Regional development policies
- d) Infrastructure
- e) Education
- f) Building human capital
- g) Enhancing local workforce skills
- h) Employment arrangements
- i) Decentralisation policies
- j) Innovation
- k) Manufacturing
- l) Any other related matters.

Council does not need to address all of the terms of reference. Council may choose to comment only on the terms of reference that are of interest or relevance to you. Submissions are required to be made by close of business on Monday, 30 April 2018.

FINANCIAL IMPACT TO COUNCIL

No financial implications have been identified in making this submission.

STATUTORY AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Policy implications may be considered as part of the submission, however, at this stage no statutory or policy implications have been identified.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

No risk implications have been identified in making this submission.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

No asset management implications have been identified.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISIONS

This is the first time this matter has come before Council.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments.