

## **Legislative Council Committee Inquiry**

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## **Inquiry into Growing Tasmania's Economy**

The Legislative Council yesterday resolved to commence an Inquiry in relation to the challenges surrounding the growth of business enterprises within Tasmania

Committee Chair, Hon Greg Hall MLC, said the Inquiry will be examining the potential for economic growth for Tasmania as a region.

"The Committee will be looking at opportunities for Tasmania to deliver a long term internationally competitive framework and will be focusing on the major areas of the Tasmanian economy including tourism, hospitality, retail services and agriculture".

Mr Hall said that in order to understand the current challenges across Tasmania, the Inquiry is keen to hear from individuals and organisations, and that the Committee would also be considering the current referral of Tasmania's powers under the Industrial Relations (Commonwealth Powers) Act 2009.

"We are also interested in obtaining evidence in relation to the benefits and challenges of the current referral arrangements under the Act for Tasmania. We believe there will be a lot of interest in this important inquiry" Mr Hall said.

"The Committee will forward the evidence and submissions from Tasmania to the Productivity Commission to help inform their inquiry".

Interested parties are reminded that the closing date for submissions is 1 May 2015.

Further information about the Inquiry, including its terms of reference and information for making submissions, is available on the <a href="http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/ctee/comminte.htm">http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/ctee/comminte.htm</a>

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