



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
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MEMBER FOR NORTHERN TABLELANDS



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Dear Ms Bennett

The Decade of Decentralisation policy is a key commitment of the NSW Government and is being implemented to stimulate regional development, manage the State's predicted population growth and deliver greater opportunities to rural and regional communities.

The Government has appointed a Taskforce to review the Decade of Decentralisation policy and associated regional policies and programs, and the Taskforce is due to report to Government by the end of March 2013.

I am chairing the Taskforce, which includes my fellow parliamentarians Greg Aplin MP, Member for Albury; Craig Baumann MP, Member for Port Stephens and Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Planning; Thomas George MP, Member for Lismore and Deputy Speaker; and Paul Toole MP, Member for Bathurst and Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier and for Asia-Pacific Trade.

The Taskforce is focusing specifically on the following programs and how they advance the Government's decentralisation agenda:

- the Regional Relocation Program;
- the Jobs Action Plan (regional component);
- Restart NSW (regional component);
- Resources for the Regions; and
- Government agency relocations to the regions

As Chair of the Taskforce, I would like to invite your organisation to give us your views and advice on the Decade of Decentralisation Strategy, and especially the policies and programs identified above. Your input is important in assisting the Taskforce to provide advice to the Government.

More information on the review can be found on the Government's consultation hub at <http://haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/decentralisation> and submissions can also be lodged at this site until 15 February 2013.

Yours sincerely

RICHARD TORBAY, MP
Member for Northern Tablelands