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Inquiry on Growing the Suburbs: Infrastructure and Business Development in Outer Suburban Melbourne

That pursuant to the Parliamentary Committees Act 2003, the Outer Suburban/Interface Services and Development Committee is required to inquire into, consider and report no later than 10 February 2012 on growing the suburbs: infrastructure and business development in outer suburban Melbourne and the Committee is asked to:

(a) identify existing public and private infrastructure provision, including schools, hospitals, commercial and shopping precincts, transport and roads, telecommunications, water and power;

(b) assess the capacity of existing infrastructure to accommodate increased population growth;

(c) investigate options, based on intrastate, interstate and international evidence, which reduce pressures on infrastructure and essential services;

(d) catalogue the skills mix of outer suburban residents to identify those areas with a skills shortage and provide options for skills training and retention, especially as it relates to both younger and semi retired people;

(e) examine the role of small businesses, local councils and community groups (such as Rotary and Lions clubs) in developing local expertise;

(f) investigate the value of sister city relationships with key trade and innovation markets; and

(g) identify local manufacturing capacity and highlight export development opportunities available for businesses operating in the outer suburbs.

On 8 December 2011, the Legislative Assembly amended the above resolution to require the Committee to table its report by no later than 13 December 2012.