



RURAL AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE

INQUIRY INTO THE CAPACITY OF THE FARMING SECTOR TO ATTRACT & RETAIN YOUNG FARMERS & RESPOND TO AN AGEING WORKFORCE

REGIONAL PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM: BENDIGO

Thursday 23rd June 2011
 11.30am to 5.00pm
 Conference Room 2, DPI Offices
 cnr Taylor Street & Midland Highway, Epsom

Time	Witness	Organisation
11.30am	<u>Alexandra Gartmann</u> CEO	Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal
12.00pm	<u>Sue Bennett & Brian Smith</u>	Synergy Farms, Yarrawalla
12.30pm	<u>Kellyanne Semple</u> Agricultural Communities Program Manager <u>Sherin Halliday</u> LandLearn	Department of Primary Industries, Bendigo
1.00pm	<u>Kerry Anderson</u> Projects Manager	Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program
1.30pm	Break	
2.00pm	<u>Russell Johnson</u> Executive Officer	Bendigo Schools Trade Training Centre
2.30pm	<u>Dr Louise Harvey</u> CEO <u>Craig Halliday</u> Head Of School, Design & Sustainability,	Bendigo Institute of TAFE
3.00pm	<u>Jenny Dawson</u> Chair	Loddon Mallee RDA
3.30pm	Break	
3.45pm	<u>Ted Gretgrix</u> , Executive Officer <u>Kerryne McClelland</u> , Senior Coordinator <u>Dom Baxter</u> , Counsellor <u>Kevin Scolyer</u> , Counsellor	North Central Rural Counselling Service
4.15pm	<u>Professor John Martin</u> Director	Centre for Sustainable Regional Communities