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MEDIA RELEASE

Parliament to hear from Queenslanders on beating unemployment

With unemployment expected to climb to 7.25% by 2010, a parliamentary committee is looking at ways to generate employment opportunities for Queenslanders.

The Queensland Parliament's Economic Development Committee is seeking ideas from individuals, groups and businesses as part of its inquiry into employment creation.

Committee Chair, Evan Moorhead MP, said public submissions and contributions were vital to the success of the inquiry.

"The committee strongly encourages input from across the state on how to best generate employment opportunities," Mr Moorhead said.

The committee's terms of reference focus on identifying world's best practice in programs that stimulate employment, as well as how Queensland can develop its strengths in its traditional and emerging industries.

"Queensland has always been economically strong in those areas that capitalise on our natural resources, such as mining and agriculture," Mr Moorhead said.

"However, Queensland also needs to develop its emerging industries in science, research, development and technology to be competitive in the global environment and the committee is inquiring into how we can do this," Mr Moorhead said.

An issues paper that provides information on the inquiry, the committee, and how to make a submission is available online at <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/edc> or you can contact committee staff on 1800 504 022.

Submissions to the committee are due by 7 August 2009.

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