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## **INTERSTATE TRIP TO Canberra 2016**

### **SUMMARY REPORT**

#### **FROM HON KEZIA PURICK MLA, SPEAKER AND MEMBER FOR GOYDER**

##### Purpose of the trip

To travel interstate to meet with the officials of Geoscience of Australia and to have a comprehensive viewing and briefings on the Tsunami Warning Centre and to gain a better understanding of the working of the seismic machine located in the basement of Parliament House and elsewhere in the top end.

##### Meetings/Briefings

The organisation called Geoscience Australia is the pre-eminent public sector geoscience organisation and the nation's trusted adviser on the geology and geography of Australia. To help build Australia's resource wealth, Geoscience Australia carries out targeted data acquisition and develops new information to highlight areas of enhanced mineral and energy potential.

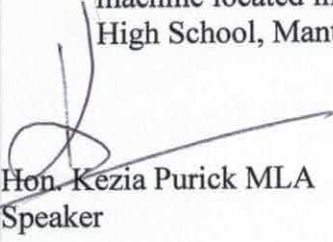
It has provided mapping services and support to Emergency Management Australia's Crisis Coordination Centre covering bushfire events in Western Australia, South Australia, on the Great Ocean Road in Victoria in 2015/2016, and in world heritage areas in Tasmania. Enhancements to data and customised reporting capabilities implemented during the 2016 year were particularly useful for the Attorney-General's Department to support Australian Government responses to national disasters. Geoscience Australia issued a total of 269 earthquake alerts, 57 of which were alerted to the Joint Australian Tsunami Warning Centre as having the potential to generate tsunami in the Australian region. Earthquake advice to the public was delivered through 300 credited media reports and Geoscience Australia's website.

I attended the Geoscience Centre in Canberra with a purpose of receiving advice, status reports and viewed the education centre, the national mineral and fossil collection, the tsunami centre with had briefings and presentations at each location.

#### Benefits of the Trip

The trip had many benefits including the following:

- Professional development in the role as the Speaker;
- Gaining quality information to pass onto members, constituents and the general community about the early warning centre and the operations of Geo Science generally.
- To appreciate the work of Geoscience Australia and the many seismic machine located in and around Darwin including at Parliament House, Darwin High School, Manton Dam and in Kakadu Park to name a few.



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