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Federal Member for Newcastle

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Newcastle 2020 Summit Announced

Sharon Grierson MP is calling for nominations for a Newcastle 2020 Summit to be held on 5 April 2008 at the University of Newcastle.

Sharon will co-chair the Summit with Professor Nicholas Saunders, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Newcastle.

The Newcastle Summit will gather ideas from residents, businesses, community groups and organisations in our local area, and those ideas will be formally submitted ahead of the National 2020 Summit that the Prime Minister is hosting on 19-20 April 2008.

Newcastle will be one of many cities and regions around Australia hosting a local summit in the lead up to the national summit.

"I want to make sure we get the best ideas from our local community and ensure those ideas are heard in Canberra," Ms Grierson said.

"We are home to wonderful researchers and thinkers from organisations like the University, TAFE, CSIRO, Hunter Valley Research Foundation and Hunter Medical Research Institute."

"We have innovative businesses and employers, community and non-profit organisations which are passionate and articulate about their causes, and unions and social welfare groups looking after the interests of working families."

"And of course, we have 90,000 everyday people in the electorate of Newcastle with their own ideas and visions for the future."

"This summit will bring Novocastrians together from all walks of life to talk about the big issues facing Newcastle and the nation."

Nomination forms are available by calling **4926 1555**, visiting www.sharongrierson.com, or by emailing ben.farrell@aph.gov.au.

Nominations close **COB Thursday 27 March 2008** and the participants will be finalised and notified by the co-chairs ahead of the Summit.

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