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Read the texts about various locations in Australia. Choose the correct texts (A-E) for each statement (1-7). You can use a text more than once. Write your answers in the boxes provided on the answer sheet. The first one (0) has been done for you.



# Places to live and work

### Α

## **GEELONG**

When the Ford motor company made the decision to no longer produce cars at its Geelong plant, the region was confronted with the prospect of an exodus of the city's workers. Local politicians, business leaders and community organisations not only had to meet this challenge but have since followed the path set by Newcastle before BHP closed down the steel works in that city. Geelong is building on its manufacturing legacy with a billion dollar transport hub at Avalon airport, a A\$300 million investment in CSIRO's Animal Health Laboratory and, like Newcastle, it has undertaken an extensive waterfront redevelopment near the city centre. The area's proximity to Melbourne (75km away) makes the area accessible to Melburnians seeking to stretch their property dollar, although the one-hour-and-10-minute train commute provides a compelling case for improving the train link to this area.

# В

#### ORANGE

Orange, at 200km west of Sydney, has been on the march for the last decade. The region has a strong food and wine history, excellent schools, an agricultural hub as well as mining through Mount Canobolas. The region's surrounding towns, including Millthorpe, have long been a magnet for 'tree changers' from the city. Orange has a well-developed commercial centre with the New South Wales government maintaining offices for lands and agriculture, while Macquarie Bank opened an office in 2015. Recruitment firm Berryman Executive founder, Tim Berryman, not only made the move to a regional centre but established a business using his experience gained in the Sydney market. "We moved to Orange in 2009 after 10 years of living and working in Sydney. My wife and I were expecting our first child and we had always wanted to raise kids outside of Sydney," he said.

### C

### **TOOWOOMBA**

Being 130km west of Brisbane, Australia's second largest inland city is booming with the airport providing a transformative effect on the region with daily flights to major capital cities. The area has traditionally been strong in agriculture but has been increasing its visitor profile in recent years. Geraint Hudson, who spent a decade working in the corporate sector in Sydney, made the move to Toowoomba for family reasons and has not looked back. "The move to Toowoomba was initially to be closer to my wife's family," he said. "Toowoomba has more of a community feel and a better social life. There are good business opportunities in Toowoomba specifically because it is a boom town."

#### D

#### GOLD COAST / NORTHERN NSW

The upgraded Pacific Highway now sees the golden strip that is the Gold Coast and increasingly Northern NSW lure more than just tourists looking for a break. The area is moving beyond a narrow band of industries in tourism and property development with higher education, research and commercial industries also taking root in the area. The southern part of the area towards Coolangatta and Tweed Heads provides access to the surrounding hinterland towns and professional opportunities for those wanting a tree change.

#### Ε

#### **NEWCASTLE**

At 160km north of Sydney, Newcastle still offers access to Australia's largest city while residents of the area get to take in scores of pristine beaches. Ease of access to nearby centres, including the Hunter Valley, provides a far greater choice of homes. According to PRD, the median house price in the Hunter Valley is A\$400,000. To live on the beach in Newcastle city itself, the price tag is more expensive at A\$1 million dollars. Since BHP left Newcastle, the area has been forced to become more diversified and make that inevitable pivot towards the services sector. The area attracts large tourist numbers and stages international events from sporting to music concerts.

## This Australian location...

was chosen by a resident to benefit the next generation.					
is a place where people get on well together.	1				
has started to focus more on the academic sector.	2				
provides entertainment from all over the world.	3				
has actively dealt with economic difficulties.	4				
is in need of infrastructure development in one more area.	5				
offers jobs for specific state employees.	6				
forces people to move to surrounding areas for financial reasons.	7				

# Places to live and work

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