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Select Committee on Protecting Local Water Utilities from Privatisation listening to regional communities in Wagga Wagga and Dubbo

The Joint Select Committee on Protecting Local Water Utilities from Privatisation has announced it will be holding public hearings in Wagga Wagga and Dubbo this month.

Committee Chair, the Hon Stephen Lawrence MLC, said the Committee is being guided by regional communities and their representatives as to how water assets and services could be safeguarded from privatisation.

"These regional visits will give the Committee a deeper understanding of the issues and challenges that impact local water utilities and the communities they service," Mr Lawrence said.

"We will be engaging with water utility operators, local councils and other community representatives and look forward to hearing their insights and suggestions as to how their water utility assets and infrastructure can be protected against privatisation, forced amalgamations and sell-offs.

"This evidence, together with the 34 written submissions the Committee has already received, will help us to develop recommendations that are aimed at securing public ownership of local water utilities into the future."

The Wagga Wagga hearing will be held at the International Hotel Wagga on 12 February. The Dubbo hearing will be held at Dubbo RSL on 13 February 2024. Schedules will be available on the Committee's [webpage](#).

The hearings will be streamed live on the NSW Parliament's [website](#).

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