

**7 SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE WARRAGAMBA DAM WALL (Formal Business)**

Mr Field moved, according to notice:

1. That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on the NSW Government's proposal to raise the Warragamba Dam wall, and in particular:
  - (a) conflicting reports on the planning height for the dam wall raising and the potential use of the raising for additional storage capacity as well as flood mitigation,
  - (b) plans for future property development on flood prone land on the Hawkesbury Nepean Floodplain,

- (c) engagement between the NSW Government and the World Heritage Committee of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in relation to the project,
  - (d) the adequacy of the Environmental Impact Assessment process to date, including the assessment of impacts on:
    - (i) World Heritage,
    - (ii) Aboriginal Cultural Heritage,
    - (iii) ecological values of the Greater Blue Mountains National Park,
    - (iv) the Warragamba community,
    - (v) communities on the Hawkesbury Nepean Floodplain,
  - (e) the nature and extent of the examination of alternative options for flood management that formed the basis of the Cost Benefit Analysis of the project and the 'Resilient Valley, Resilient Communities' strategy,
  - (f) the flood risk assessment and proposed flood management of the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley and whether this meets international best practice standards,
  - (g) the estimated cost of the project and identified funding sources,
  - (h) the implementation of recommendations in the inquiry into the Water NSW Amendment (Warragamba Dam) Bill 2018 by the Standing Committee on State Development in October 2018, and
  - (i) any other related matter.
2. That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, the committee consist of seven members comprising:
- (a) three government members,
  - (b) two opposition members, and
  - (c) two crossbench members, being Mr Field and Mr Roberts.
3. That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, at any meeting of the committee, any four members of the committee will constitute a quorum.
4. That, unless the committee decides otherwise:
- (a) submissions to inquiries are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
  - (b) the Chair's proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
  - (c) the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings is to alternate between government, opposition and crossbench members, in order determined by the committee, with equal time allocated to each,
  - (d) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,

- (e) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness, and
- (f) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration.

Question put and passed.