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GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO.5

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PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE TO VISIT BROKEN HILL AND MENINDEE LAKES

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An Upper House committee will be visiting Broken Hill and Menindee Lakes on 25 and 26 October 2016, as part of its inquiry into the augmentation of water supply for rural and regional New South Wales.

The Chair of the inquiry, the Hon Robert Brown MLC, said 'Effective water management is critical to ensuring the future economic, social and environmental viability of rural and regional NSW, particularly in areas such as Broken Hill and the Menindee Lakes district'.

The Chair added: 'The committee understands that individuals, community organisations and businesses in the Broken Hill area and Menindee Lakes district have been significantly affected by water supply and storage issues over the years. This is why it is important for the committee to travel to the region, and to hear from those directly affected'.

As part of its inquiry, the committee will be having a public hearing in Broken Hill on 26 October 2016. The details of the hearing are as follows:

Broken Hill Wednesday 26 October 2016, 8.15am – 1.45pm
Broken Hill City Council Chambers
240 Blende St Broken Hill

Members of the public are welcome to attend to watch proceedings. The Chair said 'The committee would like to invite interested stakeholders including community members, businesses, irrigators and farmers to attend the public hearing to observe proceedings'.

The hearing schedule for 26 October is available on the committee's website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc5. The committee will report by 27 October 2017.

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