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# INQUIRY INTO COMMERCIAL FISHING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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An Upper House committee has commenced an inquiry into commercial fishing in New South Wales. The committee is chaired by the Hon Robert Brown MLC of the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party and includes representatives of the Liberal and National parties, the Australian Labor Party and the Greens.

Mr Brown said, 'The Government intends to introduce major reforms to the regulation of the commercial fishing industry in the middle of 2017. There is considerable angst in the commercial fishing industry about these reforms, so we have established the inquiry to explore the impact of these changes on the commercial fishing industry as a whole, and especially in regional communities.'

'The committee will examine, among other things, the economic modelling underpinning the restructure, as well as how other jurisdictions have approached restructuring their fishing industries,' Mr Brown said.

The committee is currently accepting submissions and the closing date is 9 December 2016. Anyone interested in making a submission can contact the secretariat on (02) 9230 3081 or visit the committee's webpage at [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc5](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc5).

The committee will hold hearings at Parliament House on 12 and 14 December 2016.

Additional information about the inquiry is available on the website, including the terms of reference and information about how to make a submission.

The committee intends to table an interim or final report by 28 February 2017.

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*For further information please contact the Chair, the Hon Robert Brown  
MLC, on (02) 9230 2573.*



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