

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO.5 – INDUSTRY AND TRANSPORT

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PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE TO VISIT MOREE AND TAMWORTH FOR WATER SUPPLY INQUIRY

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An Upper House committee will be visiting Moree and Tamworth on 15 and 16 May, as part of its inquiry into the augmentation of water supply for rural and regional New South Wales.

The Chair of the committee, the Hon Robert Brown MLC, said 'Effective water management is critical to ensuring favourable economic, social and also environmental outcomes for rural and regional NSW, particularly in North Western New South Wales'.

The Chair added: 'The committee understands that individuals, community organisations and businesses in Moree and Tamworth have been significantly affected by water supply and storage issues. This is why it is important for the committee to travel to this region, and to hear from those who have been directly affected'.

As part of its inquiry, the committee will be holding public hearings in Moree and Tamworth as follows:

Moree public hearing

Monday 15 May, 1.15 pm – 5.15 pm Moree Plains Shire Council 2/30 Heber Street, Moree

Tamworth public hearing

Tuesday 16 May, 8.30 am – 12.00 pm Best Western Sanctuary Inn 293 Marius Street, Tamworth

Mr Brown welcomed members of the public to observe the hearings, stating '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 will are available on the inquiry's website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/waterinquiry. The committee will report by 27 October 2017.

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



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