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PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE INQUIRING INTO WATER SUPPLY TO HOLD JUNE SYDNEY HEARINGS

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An Upper House committee, inquiring into the augmentation of water supply for rural and regional New South Wales, will be holding Sydney hearings at NSW Parliament, Macquarie St on Friday 2 June and Monday 5 June 2017. The committee has recently returned from Moree, Tamworth and Orange, where it held hearings and conducted site visits.

The Chair of the committee, the Hon Robert Brown MLC, said ‘The committee is investigating water demand and supply, the suitability of existing water storages as well as flood risks and technologies to mitigate flood damage. As part of our investigation, the committee will also consider the social, economic and environmental aspects of water management practices in New South Wales and elsewhere’.

The Chair stated ‘On Friday 2 June 2017 the committee will be hearing from Cotton Australia, Australian Water Exploration Co, CSIRO and Golder Associates. While on Monday 5 June 2017 the committee will be taking evidence from Waterfind Group, IPART, the Murray Darling Basin Authority and representatives from WaterNSW and the Department of Primary Industries – Water’.

Mr Brown said ‘The committee would like to invite interested stakeholders including community members and businesses to attend the public hearing to observe proceedings’.

The hearings will be webcast live on the NSW Parliament website, where you can also find other inquiry information including hearing schedules, submissions and the transcripts of previous hearings: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/waterinquiry.

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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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