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## PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE TO VISIT LISMORE FOR WATER INQUIRY

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An Upper House committee will be visiting Lismore on Tuesday, 1 August 2017, as part of its inquiry into the augmentation of water supply for rural and regional New South Wales and will be holding a public hearing:

Tuesday 1 August 2017, 10.15 am – 4.00 pm Fountain Room, Lismore City Hall 1 Bounty Street, Lismore

The Chair of the inquiry, the Hon Robert Brown MLC, from the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party said 'Effective water management is critical to ensuring favourable economic, social and environmental outcomes for rural and regional NSW'.

The Chair added: 'This hearing will consider a range of water management issues, including flood mitigation practices following the devastating floods that recently affected the North West'.

The Chair also welcomes members of the public to observe the hearing, 'The committee would like to invite interested stakeholders including community members, businesses, irrigators and farmers to attend the public hearing to observe proceedings', he said.

'The committee will hear from local councils, Ballina Fisherman's Cooperative, Professional Fishermen's Association, Oceanwatch, Norco, NSW Sugar Milling Co-operative, NSW Cane Growers Association and the Clarence Environment Centre', stated the Chair.

The hearing schedule is available on the inquiry's website at: 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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