



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 5 – INDUSTRY AND TRANSPORT

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **INQUIRY INTO THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE DAIRY INDUSTRY IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**18 October 2018**

An Upper House committee has commenced an inquiry into the long-term sustainability of the dairy industry in New South Wales and the role of the Department of Primary Industries and other government agencies in supporting the industry.

The Chair of the committee the Hon Robert Brown MLC said, 'This inquiry will examine the nature of, and relationship within, the value chain between farmers, processors and retailers and how these factors influence the price of dairy products.'

Mr Brown continued, 'We will consider the impact of external influences on the dairy industry, including drought, water, energy, price setting and previous policies including deregulation of the industry. The committee will also look at the role of government in addressing the economic challenges faced by the industry.'

Submissions to the inquiry are now open and should be lodged online on the committee's website at: [bit.ly/NSWDairyIndustry](http://bit.ly/NSWDairyIndustry). The closing date for submissions is 5 November 2018.

The committee will hold public hearings in November and report back to Parliament by 14 December 2018.

For further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference and guidelines for making a submission, please visit the committee's website at: [bit.ly/NSWDairyIndustry](http://bit.ly/NSWDairyIndustry)

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