

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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MEDIA RELEASE

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

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An Upper House committee will be holding its first public hearing on Monday 12 November 2018 for the inquiry into the sustainability of the dairy industry in New South Wales.

The public hearing will be held in the Shotz Room of the Moss Vale Golf Club at Moss Vale and will run from 10 am to 4 pm, with the committee hearing from dairy farmers as well as dairy industry representatives and experts.

The Chair of the Committee, the Hon Robert Brown MLC said, 'New South Wales farmers have seen a tough time lately, none more so than our dairy farmers. The committee is keen to hear directly from farmers to understand how their relationship with processors and retailers is impacting milk prices and the effect this is having on the sustainability of the industry.'

Mr Brown continued, 'The committee will be looking to understand how government can better support the long-term viability of the dairy industry in New South Wales.'

The committee will be holding further public hearings, including at NSW Parliament House in Sydney on 16 November where the committee will hear from industry and government representatives and at Taree on 19 November.

For further information about the inquiry, including the hearing schedule for 12 November, please visit the committee's website at: bit.ly/NSWDairyIndustry

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For further comment please contact the Hon. Robert Brown MLC Committee Chair, on 9230 2573