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Upper House inquiry into floodplain harvesting to hold public hearings

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The Upper House committee examining floodplain harvesting will be holding public hearings on 20, 22 and 24 September 2021. These hearings will be conducted virtually, and members of the public will be able to watch the live-stream on the NSW Parliament [website](#).

At these hearings, the committee will receive evidence from a wide range of stakeholders, including: scientists; legal, water and fish experts; environmental groups; organisations representing farmers, irrigators and landowners; Indigenous representatives; local councils; the Natural Resources Access Regulator; and the NSW Government.

Chair of the Select Committee on Floodplain Harvesting, Ms Cate Faehrmann, said the hearings are a critical part of the inquiry's evidence gathering process.

"The importance of this inquiry cannot be overstated. The contentious debate surrounding floodplain harvesting has even reached the NSW Upper House where several floodplain harvesting regulations have been disallowed in the past year. We have received almost 300 written submissions, along with invitations from people who were keen to show the committee the impact of floodplain harvesting on their lives.

Unfortunately the committee was forced to abandon its travel plans due to COVID travel restrictions, but we are hoping to do this important issue justice by hearing from as wide a range of stakeholders from across the state as we can over these three virtual hearings."

Ms Faehrmann added, "I appreciate that this inquiry is attracting a lot of interest, and so remind everyone that they can find further details, including the submissions, through the inquiry [website](#)."

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