



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WATER TRADING IN NEW SOUTH WALES

## MEDIA RELEASE

# PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO SPEAK AT A PUBLIC FORUM IN GRIFFITH ON 16 AUGUST 2022 FOR THE INQUIRY INTO THE STATUS OF WATER TRADING

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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A select committee from the NSW Upper House will be visiting Griffith in the Riverina region of New South Wales on Tuesday 16 August 2022 as part of the inquiry into the status of water trading in New South Wales.

The inquiry was established in May 2022 to investigate the origins and operations of the water trading market in New South Wales.

The committee will hold a public hearing during the day of 16 August, with invited witnesses, but will also hold a **public forum in Griffith in the early evening of 16 August** to enable members of the public to have their say about the water trading market and its effects. Community members are strongly encouraged to take this opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences with the NSW Parliament Upper House committee.

**To register your interest in participating in the public forum** on 16 August please provide your name and contact details (including email address and phone number) via the registration form here <https://forms.gle/uqpRWZXVU47XwB867>

The Chair of the Select Committee, the Hon Robert Borsak MLC, said: "We have already received a number of written submissions from the community and various organisations. Please come to the public forum and have your say. Community input is vital so we can make recommendations to the government. The committee wants to know about the effects of water trading on the economy, communities, and the environment. We are also interested in understanding whether the water trading market is being abused through practices like playing the market, cornering the market or fixing the market. The committee will also be looking to understand whether the current framework for water registration and disclosure is operating effectively in New South Wales."

Further details of the public forum and public hearing will be published on the [inquiry webpage](#) as they become available.

The hearing and public forums will be broadcast live on the NSW Parliament's website: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Pages/webcasts.aspx>

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