

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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

## MEDIA RELEASE

Parliamentary committee to hold public hearing and forum in Griffith for the inquiry into the status of water trading in New South Wales

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

15 August 2022

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, and a public forum from 6 till 7 pm open to members of the community.

Details are as follows:

Date	Event	Location	Time
Tuesday 16 August 2022	Public hearing	Griffith Regional Theatre, Neville	10:00 am to 3:30 pm
		Place, Griffith	_
Tuesday 16 August 2022	Public forum	Griffith Regional Theatre, Neville	6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
		Place, Griffith	- •

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 <u>https://forms.gle/uqpRWZXVU47XwB867</u> or fill in a registration form at the public hearing earlier in the day.

The Chair of the Select Committee, the Hon Robert Borsak MLC, said: "The committee wants to know about the effects of water trading on the economy, communities, and the environment and whether the current framework for water registration and disclosure is operating effectively in New South Wales. We also want to learn more about the origins and purpose of the water trading market and whether there are any problematic practices such as fixing and cornering the market."

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

The schedule for the public hearing is published on the inquiry webpage.

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