

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON PFAS CONTAMINATION IN WATERWAYS AND DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES THROUGHOUT NEW SOUTH WALES

## MEDIA RELEASE

## INQUIRY INTO PFAS CONTAMINATION – PUBLIC HEARING, WAGGA WAGGA

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An Upper House select committee will travel to Wagga Wagga on Tuesday, 8 April 2025 to conduct a public hearing for its inquiry into PFAS contamination in waterways and drinking water supplies throughout New South Wales.

Committee Chair Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC noted that this will be the Committee's fifth hearing for the inquiry. "The Committee is taking the opportunity to thoroughly examine the impact of PFAS contamination in a number of different locations across New South Wales. Having received evidence that PFAS contamination is a significant concern in Wagga Wagga, we look forward to our visit to hear about the issues in more detail." The Committee's previous hearings have been held in Sydney, the Blue Mountains and Newcastle.

At its Wagga Wagga hearing, the Committee will be taking evidence from:

- the state member for Wagga Wagga, Dr Joe McGirr MP;
- the local water utility, Riverina Water County Council;
- the General Manager of Wagga Wagga City Council; and
- local residents.

"This will be a valuable chance for the Committee to hear from the local authorities and local residents about their experiences of PFAS contamination and their concerns about effects on the local environment as well as local businesses and people's day-to-day lives" said Ms Faehrmann.

The hearing will be held in the Mirage Room, Wagga Wagga RSL, commencing at 11.30 am. To view the hearing schedule please visit the Committee webpage: <u>Select Committee on PFAS Contamination in</u> <u>Waterways and Drinking Water Supplies Throughout New South Wales</u>

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