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UPCOMING HEARING IN SINGLETON FOR UPPER HOUSE INQUIRY INTO THE IMPACT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONES ON RURAL AND REGIONAL COMMUNITIES AND INDUSTRIES

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The Upper House committee for regional New South Wales will be visiting the Hunter-Central Coast Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) as part of its inquiry into the impact of REZ on rural and regional communities and industries in New South Wales.

The committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday 25 September at the Singleton Civic Centre. The committee will hear from various stakeholders including members of the community, farmers, unions and local councils about the potential impacts of renewable energy developments. In addition, Ausgrid and Transgrid will also be in attendance to give evidence about their projects in the region. The committee will also conduct site visits to associated renewable energy projects and developments in the region as well as local private properties.

The Chair, Mark Banasiak MLC, stated: "The committee is continuing its important work in unpacking the impact of REZ in rural and regional communities. We are looking forward to the opportunity to further our understanding of local concerns about REZs in the Hunter region, as well as learning more about the potential of renewable energy projects."

To view the Singleton hearing schedule, please visit the inquiry [webpage](#).

The hearing is open to the public and will be live-streamed on the Parliament [website](#).

For further information please contact Committee Chairman, the Hon. Mark Banasiak MLC, on 9230 2573

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