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

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On Wednesday 29 October 2025, the Upper House committee for regional New South Wales will hold the fifth hearing for their inquiry into the impact of renewable energy zones on rural and regional communities and industries in New South Wales.

The public hearing will be held at the WIN Stadium and Entertainment Centre in Wollongong. The committee will hear from various stakeholders, including community organisations and representatives of local fishing businesses based in the Illawarra region, about the potential impacts of renewable energy developments. In addition, Endeavour Energy will attend to give evidence about their projects in the region.

The Chair, Mark Banasiak MLC, stated: "The committee will now visit the Illawarra renewable energy zone (REZ), emphasising our commitment to rural and regional communities in examining the impact of all REZs across the state. As with our other regional visits, we are looking forward to understanding local concerns about the Illawarra REZ, as well as learning more about related renewable energy projects."

To view the Wollongong 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 Chair, the Hon. Mark Banasiak MLC, on 9230 2573

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