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## SYDNEY HEARING FOR THE UPPER HOUSE INQUIRY INTO THE IMPACT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONES

On Tuesday, 31 March 2026, the seventh hearing for the Upper House inquiry into the impact of Renewable Energy Zones (REZ) on rural and regional communities and industries in New South Wales will be held at Parliament House, Sydney.

Following the committee's visits to all five Renewable Energy Zones throughout the state, key NSW Government agencies involved in the operation and management of the zones will return to give evidence. Representatives from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water; EnergyCo; Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and Transport for NSW will appear before the committee.

The Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW, the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, and other stakeholders such as the Clean Energy Council and the Centre for Independent Studies, will also attend.

The Chair, the Hon Mark Banasiak MLC said: 'In the last year, the committee has seen and heard from individuals and communities throughout the state as to how they are impacted by the Renewable Energy Zones. This hearing will provide the Government with an opportunity to respond with further information about how they have managed and operated the five Renewable Energy Zones.'

'At the same time, other key stakeholders will be able to share their experience and understanding in relation to the impacts of the various zones before the inquiry concludes'.

The hearings are open to the public and will be live-streamed on Parliament's [website](#).

Further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, is available on the committee's [website](#).

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