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INQUIRY INTO THE WAMBELONG FIRE

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The Parliamentary Committee examining the causes and management of the Wambelong fire has agreed to a new timeline for its inquiry.

The Chair of the General Purpose Standing Committee, the Hon Robert Brown MLC said, “The Committee received requests from the Premier, the Minister for Police and Emergency Services and the Minister for the Environment, asking that hearings for the Wambelong fire inquiry not commence until the coronial investigation is completed. In the interest of caution the Committee has agreed to hold its public hearings after the coronial investigation has taken place.”

The Committee has been advised that hearings for the coronial inquiry will take place from 19 – 29 August 2014.

“The Committee is committed to engaging with relevant individuals and groups in those communities affected by the fire and will be holding a site visit and public hearing in Coonabarabran on 3rd and 4th September. We will publicise the visit and hearing nearer the time,” Mr Brown said.

More information regarding the Inquiry, including its Terms of Reference, is available on the Committee’s website – www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc5.

For further information please contact the Committee Chair, the Hon Robert Brown MLC, on (02) 9230 3059