



Legislative Council  
**General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5**

**INQUIRY INTO RURAL WIND FARMS**

Mr Ian Cohen MLC, Chair of NSW Parliament's General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5, has announced the date of a third public hearing for the Inquiry into rural wind farms.

The public hearing will be held at Quality Hotel Powerhouse in Tamworth on Friday, 16 October 2009.

According to Mr Cohen, "The Committee has received 114 submissions to date, which demonstrates the high level of interest in the issues being addressed by the inquiry."

"This public hearing is an opportunity for local stakeholders to provide valuable input into how NSW can ensure wind farm development equitably balances social, economic and environmental objectives."

"Witnesses appearing before a Committee at a public hearing have to be formally invited as a witness before they are able to give verbal evidence. However, interested persons are welcome to observe the proceedings in person or read the transcript from the website."

The public hearing will involve:

- Upper Hunter Shire Council
- Hunter Thoroughbred Breeding Association
- Upper Hunter Landscape Guardian Association
- Glen Innes Landscape Guardian Association
- Glen Innes Severn Council
- Local residents

Witness schedules are available on the Committee's website, at [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc5](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc5). Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings, although only invited witnesses will be able to speak.

Information about the Inquiry, including the terms of reference and details of hearings, is available on the Committee's website or can be obtained from the Committee Secretariat on (02) 9230 3544.