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INQUIRY INTO THE WAMBELONG FIRE

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A Parliamentary Committee will examine the causes and management of the Wambelong fire that broke out in January 2013, within and next to the Warrumbungle National Park near Coonabarabran.

Committee Chair, the Hon Robert Brown MLC said, “This Inquiry will look into the causes of the Wambelong fire and the response and actions by officers of the National Parks and Wildlife Service in managing the fire.”

“We will also review the objectives of the Bushfire Management Plan for the affected area, the extent of property damage caused by the fire and the effectiveness of the dispute resolution processes relating to restitution of private property damaged by the fire” Mr Brown commented.

“An important part of the Inquiry will be a site visit and public hearing in the affected area. The Committee is keen to ensure the Inquiry engages with relevant individuals and groups in those communities affected by the fire and encourages submissions from interested parties,” Mr Brown said.

The Committee is currently seeking written submissions, with a closing date of 31 January 2014.

For more information, including terms of reference and guidelines for making a submission, please visit the Committee's website – www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc5.

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