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MEDIA RELEASE

Committee into Wambelong fire to hold a public forum

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The parliamentary committee inquiring into the Wambelong fire will visit Coonabarabran and the Warrumbungle National Park on 3 and 4 September 2014.

As part of its visit, the committee will be holding a public forum on 3 September 2014 at the Coonabarabran Town Hall on John Street from 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm.

The committee is currently seeking expressions of interest to speak at the forum. The Chairman of the committee, the Hon Robert Brown MLC said:

"I encourage people affected by the fire to come and tell their story to the committee. We want to hear from as many people as possible, hence each speaker will be given 5 minutes to address the committee and place their account of events on the public record."

If you are interested in speaking, please email your name, phone number and a short statement on why you want to address the committee to **GPSC5.GPSC5@parliament.nsw.gov.au** by **Friday 22 August 2014.** You will be informed about the outcome of your registration.

The committee is also holding a public hearing on 4 September 2014 at the Coonabarabran Town Hall. You are welcome to come and watch the hearing from the public gallery. Details will be available on our website once they become available: http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc5.

Please also visit our website for more information on the inquiry, including the terms of reference and submissions.

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