



**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 second public hearing for the Inquiry into rural wind farms.

The public hearing will be held at Trappers Conference Centre in Goulburn on Thursday, 1 October 2009.

According to Mr Cohen, "The Committee has received 110 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 notice of hearing for Goulburn can be viewed on the Committee's website."

"In addition to the public hearing the Committee looks forward to visiting the local area, to view first hand some of the locations identified in written submissions."

The public hearing will involve:

- Upper Lachlan Shire Council
- Molonglo Landscape Guardian Association
- Taralga Landscape Guardian Association
- Parkesbourne-Mummel Landscape Guardian Association
- Friends of Crookwell
- Local residents

Witness schedules are available on the Committee's website, at 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.