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GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 5

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INQUIRY INTO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE NSW ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY

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An UpperHouse Committee will inquire into and report on the performance of the NSW Environmental Protection Agency.

The Chair of the General Purpose Standing Committee, the Hon Robert Brown MLC said, “This inquiry will measure the EPA’s recent performance following claims that the organisation is failing in its legislative objectives.”

“We will specifically review land contamination issues in the Botany and Hillsdale regions, the EPA’s investigation into coal dust pollution in the Hunter, and ground water contamination in the Pilliga.” said Mr Brown. Other issues to be looked at include the prosecution of Du Pont (Australia), the regulation of cruise ships at White Bay and regulation of forestry at Royal Camp State Forest.

“The committee is keen to ensure the inquiry engages with relevant individuals and groups in communities affected by land contamination and other environmental issues and encourages submissions from interested parties,” Mr Brown commented.

The committee is currently seeking written submissions, with a closing date of 29 August 2014. The committee intends to report by mid-February 2015.

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

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