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House of Representatives Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy
Inquiry into the management and use of Commonwealth environmental water

Issue date: 27 April 2018

Public hearings on environmental water

The House [Standing Committee on Environment and Energy](#) will visit Albury, Shepparton, Mildura and Murray Bridge over three days from Monday 30 April for public hearings and site inspections on the inquiry into the management and use of Commonwealth environmental water.

The Chair of the Committee, Mr Andrew Broad MP, said that the Committee was looking forward to meeting a diverse range of stakeholders, especially those from local communities.

“Local communities depend on healthy rivers for drinking water, jobs and to provide opportunities for recreation. They are well-placed to advise the Committee on how governments can work with them to manage environmental water in a way that safeguards their way of life. I’m looking forward to hearing what they have to say,” Mr Broad said.

The Deputy Chair of the Committee, Mr Pat Conroy MP, said that the Committee was keen to hear how communities can be made more aware of how environmental water is managed and how it benefits the environment.

“There is a wealth of information to be shared with communities on how environmental water protects and restores wetlands, floodplains and forests in their local areas. At the same time, communities have a lot to offer in developing innovative approaches for using environmental water. We are interested to hear whether local communities are satisfied with the way the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder consults with them,” Mr Conroy said.

Further information about the inquiry can be found on the inquiry website at www.aph.gov.au/environmentalwater.

Albury public hearing details:

Time: 8.45am – 12:00pm

Date: Monday 30 April 2018

Location: Banksia A Room, Commercial Club, 618 Dean Street, Albury

Mildura public hearing details:

Time: 11:00am – 2:30pm

Date: Tuesday 1 May 2018

Location: Quality Hotel Mildura Grand, 129 Seventh Street, Mildura



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Murray Bridge public hearing details:

Time: 10.30am – 12:30pm

Date: Wednesday 2 May 2018

Location: Town Hall, Bridget Street, Murray Bridge

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