



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Standing Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

MEDIA ALERT

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Inquiry into future water supplies for Australia's rural industries and communities

Public hearing in Canberra, 26 March 2003

The House of Representatives Agriculture Committee is examining the role of the Commonwealth in ensuring adequate and sustainable future water supplies for communities and industries in rural and regional Australia.

As part of its inquiry, the Committee will take evidence from Mr Bob Charles MP, Member for La Trobe. In his submission Mr Charles argues that the viability of a large number of tourist and leisure businesses, which develop around water storages such as Lake Eildon, is threatened when water levels drop below usable levels.

The Inquiry has generated considerable interest around Australia, with over 130 submissions received from concerned organisations and individuals.

Media and the public are most welcome to attend the public hearing, details of which appear below.

PUBLIC HEARING: 26 March 2003 in Canberra

Wednesday, 26 March 2003 at 5.00pm in Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House Canberra

Scheduled Witness:

Mr Bob Charles MP, Member for La Trobe

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For **background information**, including the full terms of reference and copies of submissions, please contact the Committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4500 or visit the Inquiry website at

www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/primind/index.htm