



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE
ON REGIONAL AUSTRALIA**
INQUIRY INTO THE PROPOSED MURRAY-DARLING BASIN PLAN

Chair: Mr Tony Windsor MP

INQUIRY INTO THE PROPOSED MURRAY-DARLING BASIN PLAN
The River, Our Future, Your Say

Deniliquin – participate in a plan for the future

As part of the inquiry into the proposed Murray-Darling Basin plan, the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Australia will be visiting Deniliquin in January to meet the people living and working in the Basin. The Committee wants to hear the views of the communities in the area, understand the complexity of the issues faced, and hear community solutions for the Murray-Darling River.

As part of a nine-day tour of the Basin, the Committee has visited a number of sites to see firsthand the issues faced by the different regions. Consultations have also been held in many regions and the Committee looks forward to meeting the people of Deniliquin at its sixth public hearing on Monday 24 January 2011.

The details of the meeting are as follows:

Time: 8.45am – 1.30pm
Date: Monday 24 January 2011
Venue: Deniliquin RSL – 72 End Street, Deniliquin

Committee Chair Mr Tony Windsor MP says “Over December and January the Committee has travelled extensively across the Basin area to speak to communities and see the problems firsthand. People have had the opportunity to have their say in planning for the future of the river system and the communities that it sustains. There are no easy answers, but it is the task of the Committee to bring together a series of solutions that are balanced and fair and preserve the vitality of the area. The Committee will continue its discussions over the coming months and will report in mid 2011.”

More information, including the program of speakers at the public hearings, is available on the website www.aph.gov.au/mdi.

For media comment: contact the Chair’s media advisor, Graham Nuttall on 0412 916 040.
For information on the inquiry: contact the Secretariat on (02) 6277 4162 or 0407 406 337, email ra.reps@aph.gov.au or visit the Committee’s website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/mdi>