



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

*Chair: Mr Tony Windsor MP*

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## **Commonwealth Department of Water to meet with Regional Australia Committee**

The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (SEWPAC) will meet with the Regional Australia Committee at a public hearing as part of the inquiry into the impact of the Murray Darling Basin Plan in Regional Australia. The Department will also be accompanied by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder.

“The Committee has received over 500 submissions to the inquiry and conducted hearings in a number of regions of South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales within the Basin over the past month or so.

“There has been a lot of evidence submitted to the inquiry, both in writing and taken at hearings, and the Committee is keen to discuss some of the issues raised in these submissions with the Commonwealth Environment Department” said Mr Tony Windsor MP, Committee Chair.

Details for the public hearing are as follows:

**Date:** Wednesday 9 February 2011  
**Time:** 8.30am – 9.30am  
**Venue:** Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra  
**Webcast:** Live on <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

\* Please note: A short private meeting will be held at 8.30am following which members of the public and media will be admitted for the public hearing.

**For media comment:** contact the Chair’s media advisor, Graham Nuttall on 0412 916 040.  
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