



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE
ON REGIONAL AUSTRALIA**
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Chair: Mr Tony Windsor MP

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The River, Our Future, Your Say

Goondiwindi – 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 Goondiwindi on 16 March to meet the people living and working in the Basin. The Committee wants to hear the views of the communities, understand the complexity of the issues faced, and hear community solutions for the Murray-Darling River.

In December 2010 the Committee visited a number of regions around the Broken Hill area, and in January spent 9 days conducting hearings in a number of areas including Murray Bridge, Mildura, Shepparton and Griffith. In February the Committee visited Gunnedah, Bourke and Dubbo.

In this fourth series of interstate visits, Goondiwindi is the second stop in a two-day tour of inspections and consultations. The Committee looks forward to meeting the people of Goondiwindi at its public hearing on Wednesday 16 March 2011.

Details of the meeting are as follows:

Time: 1.00pm – 3.30pm
Date: Wednesday 16 March 2011
Venue: Goondiwindi Waggamba Community Cultural Centre, Cnr Russell & Short Streets, Goondiwindi, QLD, 4390

Committee Chair Mr Tony Windsor MP says “People in these regions have been doing it tough. This inquiry is about people having their say in planning for the future of the river system and the communities that it sustains. There have been many positive suggestions from the hard working people in Basin regions. The Committee is looking forward to speaking directly to communities in the Basin as it seeks to develop a series of balanced and fair solutions.”

The Committee will be reporting mid 2011. More information, including the program of speakers at the public hearings, is available on the website www.aph.gov.au/mdi.

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