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Standing Committee on Agriculture and Water Resources  
Inquiry into Water Use Efficiency

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## Call for local voices on agricultural water use

Water use efficiency is a key issue for Australia's agriculture sector, and a [House of Representatives inquiry](#) is keen to hear from local voices with opinions on the subject.

The [House Agriculture and Water Resources Committee](#) is investigating the adequacy and efficacy of water use efficiency programs in Australian agriculture.

Committee Chair [Rick Wilson MP](#) says the Committee is seeking feedback from farmers, irrigators and community leaders around Australia, but is particularly keen to hear from people in South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania.

"Australian farmers are amongst the world's most efficient irrigators, particularly due to the often harsh Australian climate," Mr Wilson said.

"Given the challenges of a dry climate, management of water usage is more important than ever."

The inquiry is looking at how the Government can invest in water infrastructure in order to assist farmers and communities to extract the maximum value out of each drop of water.

Mr Wilson and Committee Deputy Chair [Meryl Swanson MP](#) recently joined About the House TV to discuss the inquiry's findings so far.

You can watch the video by clicking [here](#).

Making a submission to the inquiry is easy – simply visit [aph.gov.au/wue](http://aph.gov.au/wue) and click 'Upload Submission', or email [agriculture.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:agriculture.reps@aph.gov.au) for more information.

People interested in the inquiry can also [subscribe to the About the House Newsletter](#), to receive fortnightly news about this and other inquiries conducted by the House of Representatives.

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