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

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Committee on the road for water use efficiency hearings

The House Agriculture and Water Resources committee will travel this week to collect evidence for its inquiry into water use efficiency in Australian agriculture.

On Tuesday, **22 August**, the committee will travel to **Harvey** in Western Australia, to inspect the Harvey Water irrigation area and hear from the organisation and other water resource managers.

Time: 11.15am – 1.15pm

Location: Harvey Town Hall, 104 Uduc Rd, Harvey, Western Australia.

On Wednesday, **23 August**, the committee will hold a public hearing in **Adelaide**, with evidence to be given by several notable researchers.

Time: 1.00pm – 3.30pm

Location: 'Old Chamber', Parliament of South Australia,
North Terrace & King William St, Adelaide

On Thursday, **24 August**, the committee will hold a public hearing in **Melbourne**, with witnesses to include water resource managers and a drip irrigation system manufacturer.

Time: 10.00am – 3.45pm

Location: Committee room G7, 55 St Andrews Place, East Melbourne

A full program for each day is available on the [inquiry website](#).

Committee chair, Rick Wilson MP, discussed the hearing program for the week:

“As the committee approaches the end of the evidence gathering phase of the inquiry, we will be travelling widely to hear from some key witnesses. Importantly, we will be hearing about some irrigation areas that lie outside the Murray Darling basin, specifically the Harvey Water area in Western Australia, and several areas in southern Victoria managed by Southern Rural Water.

Additionally, the committee looks forward to discussing water use efficiency with key academics from South Australia that have a deep interest in water management.

We will finish up in Melbourne with discussions on the role of technology, science and engineering in improving water use efficiency, and gain some input from organisations from north-east Victoria.”



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