



**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

Bendigo – 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 Bendigo 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.

The Committee is part-way through a nine-day tour of the Basin, with extensive visits to farming areas and a series of public consultations. The Committee looks forward to meeting the people of Bendigo at its fourth public hearing on Friday 21 January 2011.

Details of the meetings are as follows:

Time: 8.45am – 1.30pm

Date: Friday 21 January 2011

Venue: Bendigo Town Hall – 189-193 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo

Committee Chair Mr Tony Windsor MP says “The Committee is getting a firsthand view of the problems faced in these regions. There are no easy answers. This inquiry is about people having their say in planning for the future of the river system and the communities that it sustains, and we are looking for solutions that are balanced and fair. Many communities have provided us with practical and sustainable management suggestions for the Basin. This is a vital part of Australia, and any future plan must preserve that vitality”.

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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