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**Regional Australia Committee calls for submissions
regarding prospective environmental works and project
proposals for Murray-Darling Basin**

The Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, The Hon Tony Burke MP, has asked the Regional Australia Committee to undertake a limited inquiry into the Murray-Darling Basin Authority's proposed Basin Plan, which is currently under consideration by the Murray-Darling Basin Ministerial Council.

The Committee is seeking submissions addressing:

'the potential role that new environmental works and measures projects could play in partially offsetting SDL reductions under the Basin Plan, focussing particularly on prospective project proposals identified by state government and community interests.'

The Chair, Mr Tony Windsor MP, said, 'The Committee is aware that this is an issue that impacts upon many Australians throughout the Basin, however, we urge that all submissions focus on the specific terms that the Minister has requested. We have conducted an extensive inquiry into the Basin Plan last year; this is not a repeat inquiry, but an additional focus point.'

Due to the limited timeline of this inquiry **submissions must address the term of reference and be received before Friday 15 June 2012** in order to be accepted.

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