



INQUIRY INTO THE PROPOSED MURRAY-DARLING BASIN PLAN
*The River, Our Future, Your Say***Mildura – 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 Mildura 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 touring extensively through the Basin and is holding seven public hearings in different regions. The Committee looks forward to meeting the people of Mildura at its second public hearing on Wednesday 19 January 2011.

The details of the meeting are as follows:

Time: 8.45am – 1.30pm
Date: Wednesday 19 January 2011
**Venue: Mildura Function Centre – Mildura Recreation Reserve No 1 Oval,
Twelfth Street, Mildura**

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 the 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/mdj.

For media comment: contact the Chair’s media advisor, Graham Nuttall on 0412 916 040.

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