



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE
ON REGIONAL AUSTRALIA**
INQUIRY INTO THE PROPOSED MURRAY-DARLING BASIN PLAN

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The River, Our Future, Your Say

Swan Hill – 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 Swan Hill in January to meet the people living and working in the Basin. The Committee wants to hear the views of the communities, understand the complexity of issues faced, and hear community solutions for the Murray-Darling River.

As part of its nine day tour of the Basin to seeing firsthand the issues faced by many farmers and surrounding communities, the Committee is also holding a series of public hearings to consult with communities. The Committee looks forward to meeting the people of Swan Hill at its third public hearing on Thursday 20 January 2011.

Details of the meeting are as follows:

Time: 8.45am – 12.30pm
Date: Thursday 19 January 2011
Venue: The Grain Shed – 2-8 King Street, Swan Hill

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/mdi.

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

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