



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

*Chair: Mr Tony Windsor MP*

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*The River, Our Future, Your Say*

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

In December 2010 the Committee visited a number of regions around the Broken Hill area, and in January spent 9 days conducting hearings in a number of areas including Murray Bridge, Mildura, Shepparton and Griffith. In this third series of visits, Bourke is the second stop in a three-day tour of inspections and consultations. The Committee looks forward to meeting the people of Bourke at its public hearing on Tuesday 15 February 2011.

Details of the meeting are as follows:

**Time:** 1.00pm – 4.15pm  
**Date:** Tuesday 15 February 2011  
**Venue:** Bourke Bowling Club – Richard Street, Bourke

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](http://www.aph.gov.au/mdi).

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