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Windsor urges water users and communities to make submissions to water inquiry

Independent member for New England, Tony Windsor is urging water users and communities to take advantage of an extension of time granted for submissions to the Inquiry into future water supplies for Australia's rural industries and communities.

Mr Windsor, a member of the Federal Parliament's Agriculture Fisheries & Forestry Committee conducting the Inquiry says that submissions can now be made up until 15th October.

"This Inquiry into Australia's future water supplies is very important in the scheme of things as water has and will become even more vital to the future of inland Australia – its industries, its towns and the people who live in the country.

Country people need to express their views to Inquiries like this one so that those who make decisions impacting on them are made aware of the possible consequences of their decisions to ensure a balanced outcome," Mr Windsor said.

The Inquiry is examining water availability in all jurisdictions and in particular the sustainable provision of future water supplies for Australia's rural industries and communities.

Matters examined will include the provision, allocation, distribution and usage of water, issues surrounding weather prediction and current scientific research for adapting natural processes in the face of climate change.

The management of the Murray Darling Basin is also central to the Inquiry.

After submissions have been considered, public hearings will be held to collect further evidence.

People wanting to make a submission could contact Mr Windsor's office on 1800 66 88 55 for further information and assistance or direct to the Committee Secretariat on 6277 4500.

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