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Use of environmental water to be reviewed

The management, governance and use of environmental water is being examined by the Victorian Parliament's Environment, Natural Resources and Regional Development Committee.

The Committee is inviting community input to the inquiry, with public submissions due by 25 August 2017.

"Water is one of our most precious resources and through this inquiry the Committee will be assessing how well water use for environmental purposes is being managed in our state," said Committee Chair, Josh Bull.

"This is a significant issue for many parts of Victoria, impacting on both the living environment and people's livelihoods," he said.

"It's important for Parliament, through this inquiry, to ensure that environmental water is being used in an efficient way, and to find out what impact existing procedures are having in the different areas of Victoria."

Under the terms of reference for the inquiry, the Committee will assess:

- the role of environmental water management in preventing or causing 'blackwater' events
- the use of water management tools such as carryover and their impact on the availability of water for irrigators
- any barriers to more efficient use of environmental water and how those should be addressed
- the fees and charges applied and whether they differ from those imposed on other water users.

"We are keen to hear from people with expertise and experience in these matters, from across Victoria," Mr Bull said.

The inquiry's terms of reference and more details on making a submission are available from the Committee's [website](#).

For media comment: contact the Committee Chair, Josh Bull MP, on 9740 4091.

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