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Fracking Inquiry – Submissions to be uploaded on Committee's webpage

The Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs has begun scheduling its first rounds of public hearings in the new year for its inquiry into hydraulic fracturing for unconventional gas in WA (commonly known as 'fracking'). The Committee has been in contact with overseas regulators and world experts on fracking as part of this inquiry, as well as community groups in regional WA and industry representatives across Australia.

The Committee has also now considered all submissions received as part of the inquiry and will commence uploading the 114 public submissions on its webpage commencing this week. Submissions can be viewed online using this shortcut: http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/env/fracking. The Committee appreciates the community's overwhelming interest in fracking and extends its appreciation to all those who provided a submission this year.

The Committee intends to conduct regional site visits and hold further public hearings during 2014 and will be posting updates and important information on social media as it happens. The Committee encourages the public to keep up to date on the progress of this significant inquiry using the Legislative Council Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Media inquiries can be addressed to Hon Simon O'Brien MLC, Chairman on 0407 190 541. Other inquiries should be addressed to Ms Margaret Liveris, Committee Clerk on 9222 7229.

Hon Simon O'Brien MLC Chairman