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INQUIRY INTO THE IMPACT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WATER MANAGEMENT (GENERAL) AMENDMENT (EXEMPTIONS FOR FLOODPLAIN HARVESTING) REGULATION 2020

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An Upper House committee will be conducting an inquiry into the impact and implementation of the Water Management (General) Amendment (Exemptions for Floodplain Harvesting) Regulation 2020, which was published on 7 February 2020.

The Water Management (General) Amendment (Exemptions for Floodplain Harvesting) Regulation 2020 provides exemptions from certain licence and work approval requirements of the Water Management Act 2000. When granted, the exemption allows water to be harvested from a floodplain and for associated water management work to be undertaken, provided certain conditions are met.

The Committee Chair, the Hon Mick Veitch MLC, stated: 'The recent use of this regulation has caused confusion. Clear communication is required around its application and there needs to be transparency around the decision to create and implement this regulation. The Regulation Committee will examine how and why this regulation came into existence, and how it has been applied by the Minister'.

A motion to disallow the regulation, currently before the Legislative Council, will be postponed until the Regulation Committee reports on Thursday, 14 May 2020.

Further information about the inquiry, including committee members, inquiry terms of reference, submissions and hearings, will be made available via the inquiry webpage: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2584#tab-members>

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