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MEDIA RELEASE

Committee calls for submissions on SEQ Water (Restructuring) Bill

The Queensland Parliament has referred the *South East Queensland Water (Restructuring) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012* to the Finance and Administration Committee. The Committee is required to report back to the Parliament by 22 November 2012.

The Chair of the committee, Mr Michael Crandon MP, today announced that the committee is calling for written submissions from interested persons and organisations about the issues raised in the bill. Submissions close on **Friday 9 November 2012**.

Mr Crandon said that the bill's primary objectives are to merge the three bulk water entities into a single service provider; the dissolution of the Queensland Water Commission; and amendment of the Water Fluoridation Act to extend the criteria under which an exemption may be sought from the requirement that a relevant water supply be fluoridated and to clarify that an exemption may only be sought for an eligible relevant public potable water supply.

"The Committee is required to report by 22 November 2012 and has allowed stakeholders until 9 November 2012 to provide a written submission on the issues that are raised in the Bill" Mr Crandon said. *"We have tried to give stakeholders as much time as possible to provide a submission whilst still enabling us to meet the timeframe required by the Parliament"* he said.

Copies of the bill, explanatory notes, the Ministers' introductory speech and guidelines for making a submission are available on the committee's Internet site at: <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-committees/committees/FAC>

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