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The Hon **David Hawker** MP
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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO FARMING AND CHANGING CLIMATE COMES TO HAMILTON

As part of its inquiry into Australian farmers and climate change, the House of Representatives Primary Industries and Resources Committee will undertake a series of property inspection in Hamilton next Friday, 4 September.

Federal Member for Wannon, David Hawker, said the committee would be holding public hearings in Melbourne on Thursday 3 September, before heading to the Hamilton region.

“In Melbourne, the Committee will hear from representatives of a diverse range of groups with an interest in the future of Australian agriculture in the face of a changing climate, including the Victorian Farmers Federation, Dairy Australia, the South West Climate Change Forum, Australian Women in Agriculture and Ignite Energy Resources,” he said.

“Details of the public hearing program for Thursday are available on the Committee’s website.”

Mr Hawker said the Hamilton inspections on Friday will involve visits to research sites managed by the Future Farm Industries CRC, as well as local farmers at the forefront of managing farming systems for climate variability and climate change.

“The committee is seeing at first hand the range of innovation being undertaken to deal with climate variability and climate change,” Mr Hawker said.

“There is a lot of good work being done by farmers and researchers, and the committee is aiming to find ways to bring all these innovations together, test them, and disseminate them to the broader farming community.”

The public hearing in Melbourne will take place at the Monash Conference Centre, 30 Collins St, Melbourne between 8.30am and 4.15pm.

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