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Natural Resources Committee

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**Update: Inquiry into Unconventional Gas (Fracking)
in the South East of South Australia**

Presiding Member Hon Steph Key MP announced timelines for the Natural Resources Committee's Inquiry into Fracking/Unconventional Gas.

The Natural Resources Committee plans to table an interim report, summarising evidence collected so far, by the end of 2015, and to table a final report with recommendations by mid-2016.

"The committee would like to thank all the individuals and organisations who have taken the time to make submissions to and appear before the Natural Resources Committee's inquiry into unconventional gas", Ms Key said.

"Since the inquiry was advertised in November 2014, more than 175 separate submissions have been received and evidence has been taken from 32 witnesses at 10 public hearings held both in Adelaide and the South East of South Australia. Most of the evidence received has been of a very high quality and will be integral to the committee in drafting its reports and developing its recommendations", Ms Key said.

In February 2015 the committee made a fact-finding visit to Millicent in the South East to take evidence from local communities and visit sites relevant to the inquiry.

A second fact-finding visit was made in August 2015 to Dalby, Chinchilla and Roma in Queensland to meet with community members and businesspeople and to observe first-hand the various impacts of recent gas industry development on the towns in the region.

The committee has scheduled a visit to Robe in the South East on 16 September 2015 to hear from a number of additional witnesses.

For more information about the Natural Resources Committee's Unconventional Gas (Fracking) inquiry please visit www.parliament.sa.gov.au/Committees or email patrick.dupont@parliament.sa.gov.au.