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BROKEN HILL'S WATER SECURITY – FIRM FOCUS ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Minister for Primary Industries, Lands and Water Niall Blair announced he would attend a community information session in Broken Hill to outline the long-term solutions to secure the region's water supply.

Mr Blair said it was an important opportunity for the communities of Broken Hill and Menindee to hear first-hand the proposed solutions to secure the region's water supply – which has been a concern for decades.

“With the short term water supply resolved, which means the region has clean, potable water until at least 2019, the NSW Government is now turning its attention to a long term solution,” Mr Blair said.

“I look forward to discussing the next steps with the community and working together over the coming months on finding the best solutions for the town's water supply.”

To date, DPI Water has collated a long list of proposed solutions to the region's long-term water supply from government agencies, private companies and local stakeholders

These options have all been compiled as part of a business case, which will be rigorously assessed by Infrastructure NSW and its panel of experts.

This process will result in a short list of proposals by the end of the year.

As with any project of this significance, proposals must be assessed by independent experts to ensure the best possible outcomes for the local community.

Mr Blair will be joined by representatives from DPI Water, Essential Water and water experts from Deloitte Access Economics.

Details of the community information meeting are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, 7 October 2015

Time: 13:30 – 15:00

Location: Broken Hill Musicians Club, 276 Crystal Street, Broken Hill

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