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Bankwest inquiry go-ahead

Nationals senator John Williams will not be deterred from pursuing a Senate inquiry into Bankwest's treatment of its commercial clients after a briefing by the bank's managing director Jon Sutton on Friday. Mr Williams wants to investigate the bank's treatment of many small business clients who say their debts were unfairly called in after Commonwealth Bank of Australia's acquisition of Bankwest in 2008. Natalie Gerritsen

Cyclone heads for Pilbara

A category three cyclone could hit Western Australia's Pilbara mining region at the weekend. Rainfall is forecast to increase on Saturday in coastal regions of the Pilbara, west Kimberley and north of Cape Cuvier, the Bureau of Meteorology said in a statement. AAP

10,000 ducks to be killed

At least 10,000 ducks will be destroyed to contain an outbreak of bird flu at two Victorian farms. The virus found in birds on the two properties is a low- pathogenic avian influenza and not the deadlier form of the virus that spread through Asia. Hugh Millar, the state's chief veterinary officer, said there was no risk to the community, but authorities acted quickly to remove any chance the virus could spread. AAP

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