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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Inquiry into the Register of Environmental Organisations

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Inquiry into environmental register to commence public hearings

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on the Environment will conduct public hearings in the week of 15 June 2015 as part of its inquiry into the Register of Environmental Organisations.

Public hearings will commence in Canberra, beginning with the Department of the Environment at 4 p.m. on 16 June 2015 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission at 9.30 a.m. on 18 June 2015. Further information will be available from the Committee's website closer to the date.

Submissions to the inquiry closed on 21 May 2015.

Committee Chair, Mr Alex Hawke MP, said he is pleased with the level of interest in the inquiry and appreciates that many organisations and individuals have taken the time to make a submission or share their views on the Register of Environmental Organisations.

"The response to the inquiry is evidence of the strong level of public interest in the work of not-for-profit environmental organisations. We look forward to, in the first instance, hearing from the government agencies involved in the administration of the sector, and we anticipate gathering evidence in a range of communities around Australia as the inquiry progresses over the coming months," he said.

Further details about the inquiry, including submissions received and the terms of reference, can be found on the inquiry's website at: <http://www.aph.gov.au/reo>.

For media comment please contact the Committee Chair, Mr Alex Hawke, on 0417 410 351 (personal mobile) and (02) 9899 7211 (Vincent So).

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