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## HEARING PROGRAM

### **Budget Estimates 2020–21**

### **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**

Monday, 19 October – Thursday, 22 October 2020

**Committee Room 2S3**, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only



#### **Hearing location**

Committee Room 2S3,  
Parliament House, Canberra  
Waiting room: Committee Room 1S3  
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Senator the Hon David Fawcett, Chair  
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Deputy Chair  
Senator Catryna Bilyk  
Senator Nita Green  
Senator Sam McMahon  
Senator David Van

#### **Ministers attending**

Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham  
Senator the Hon Jane Hume

#### **Secretariat**

Stephen Palethorpe, Committee Secretary  
Emma Wannell, Estimates Officer

## Monday, 19 October

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### Agriculture, Water and the Environment Portfolio, excluding agriculture and water

<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment</b> General questions
<b>11.00am</b>	Morning tea
<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Outcome 1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia’s biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas, and reducing and regulating the use of pollutants and hazardous substances, and coordination of climate change adaptation strategy and climate change science activities.</b> Program 1.5: Environmental regulation
<b>1.15pm</b>	Lunch break
<b>2.15pm</b>	<b>Outcome 1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia’s biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas, and reducing and regulating the use of pollutants and hazardous substances, and coordination of climate change adaptation strategy and climate change science activities.</b> Program 1.1: Sustainable management of natural resources and the environment (funding)
<b>4.30pm</b>	Afternoon tea
<b>4.45pm</b>	<b>Outcome 1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia’s biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas, and reducing and regulating the use of pollutants and hazardous substances, and coordination of climate change adaptation strategy and climate change science activities.</b> Program 1.1: Sustainable management of natural resources and the environment (funding) (continued)
<b>5.45pm</b>	<b>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</b>
<b>6.30pm</b>	Dinner break
<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Director of National Parks</b>
<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment</b> <b>Outcome 1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia’s biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information</b>

	<p><b>management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas, and reducing and regulating the use of pollutants and hazardous substances, and coordination of climate change adaptation strategy and climate change science activities.</b></p> <p>Program 1.6: Management of hazardous wastes, substances and pollutants</p>
<b>9.00pm</b>	Tea break
<b>9.15pm</b>	<p><b>Outcome 1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia’s biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas, and reducing and regulating the use of pollutants and hazardous substances, and coordination of climate change adaptation strategy and climate change science activities.</b></p> <p>Program 1.4: Conservation of Australia's heritage and environment (regulation)</p>
<b>10.00pm</b>	<p><b>Outcome 1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia’s biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas, and reducing and regulating the use of pollutants and hazardous substances, and coordination of climate change adaptation strategy and climate change science activities.</b></p> <p>Program 1.2: Environmental information and research</p>
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment

## Tuesday, 20 October

### Agriculture, Water and the Environment Portfolio, excluding agriculture and water

<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Bureau of Meteorology</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder</b>
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Sydney Harbour Federation Trust</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	<p><b>Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 2: Advance Australia’s strategic, scientific, environmental and economic interests in the Antarctic region by protecting, administering and researching the region.</b></p> <p>Program 2.1: Antarctica: Science, policy and presence</p>
<b>11.30am</b>	Morning tea

Industry, Science, Energy and Resources Portfolio, excluding industry, science and resources

11.45am	<p><b>Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources</b></p> <p>General questions</p>
12.30pm	<p><b>Outcome 2: Reduce Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions, contribute to effective global action on climate change, and support technological innovation in clean and renewable energy, through developing and implementing a national response to climate change.</b></p> <p>Program 2.1: Reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions</p>
1.30pm	Lunch break
2.30pm	<p><b>Outcome 2: Reduce Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions, contribute to effective global action on climate change, and support technological innovation in clean and renewable energy, through developing and implementing a national response to climate change.</b></p> <p>Program 2.2: Developing clean energy technology</p>
3.45pm	<b>Australian Renewable Energy Agency</b>
4.45pm	Afternoon tea
5.00pm	<b>Clean Energy Regulator</b>
5.30pm	<p><b>Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 3: Support the affordable, reliable, secure and competitive operation of energy markets for the long term benefit of the Australian community through improving Australia’s energy supply, efficiency, quality, performance and productivity.</b></p> <p>Program 3.1: Supporting reliable, secure and affordable energy</p>
7.00pm	Dinner break
8.00pm	<b>Climate Change Authority</b>
8.45pm	<b>Clean Energy Finance Corporation</b>
9.45pm	Tea break
10.00pm	<b>Snowy Hydro Limited</b>

10.30pm	Adjournment
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## Wednesday, 21 October

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### Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications Portfolio, excluding infrastructure, transport and regional development

9.00am	<p>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</p> <p>General questions</p>
11.00am	Morning tea
11.15am	<p><b>Outcome 5: Promote an innovative and competitive communications sector, through policy development, advice and program delivery, so all Australians can realise the full potential of digital technologies and communications services.</b></p> <p>Program 5.1: Digital technologies and communications services</p>
12.45pm	Lunch break
1.45pm	<p><b>Outcome 5: Promote an innovative and competitive communications sector, through policy development, advice and program delivery, so all Australians can realise the full potential of digital technologies and communications services.</b></p> <p>Program 5.1: Digital technologies and communications services (continued)</p>
2.30pm	Australian Communications and Media Authority
3.30pm	Afternoon tea
3.45pm	Australian Communications and Media Authority (continued)
4.45pm	Australian Broadcasting Corporation
6.15pm	Dinner break
7.15pm	Australian Broadcasting Corporation (continued)
8.45pm	Tea break

<b>9.00pm</b>	Special Broadcasting Service Corporation
<b>10.00pm</b>	Office of the eSafety Commissioner
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment

## Thursday, 22 October

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### Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications Portfolio, excluding infrastructure, transport and regional development

<b>9.00am</b>	Australian Postal Corporation
<b>10.30am</b>	Morning tea
<b>10.45am</b>	Australian Postal Corporation (continued)
<b>12.45pm</b>	Lunch break
<b>1.45pm</b>	<p>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</p> <p><b>Outcome 6: Participation in, and access to, Australia's arts and culture through developing and supporting cultural expression.</b></p> <p>Program 6.1: Arts and cultural development</p>
<b>3.00pm</b>	Australia Council
<b>4.00pm</b>	Afternoon tea
<b>4.15pm</b>	Classification Board
<b>4.45pm</b>	Screen Australia
<b>5.30pm</b>	Dinner break

<b>6.30pm</b>	<p><b>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 5: Promote an innovative and competitive communications sector, through policy development, advice and program delivery, so all Australians can realise the full potential of digital technologies and communications services.</b></p> <p>Program 5.1: Digital technologies and communications services (continued)</p>
<b>7.45pm</b>	<b>NBN Co Limited</b>
<b>8.45pm</b>	Tea break
<b>9.00pm</b>	<b>NBN Co Limited (continued)</b>
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment