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## HEARING PROGRAM

### **Budget Estimates 2022–23**

#### Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Thursday, 31 March, Monday, 4 April and Tuesday, 5 April 2022

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

Times listed are indicative only



#### **Hearing location**

Committee Room 2S3,  
Parliament House, Canberra  
Waiting room: Committee Room 1S4



#### **Committee members**

Senator Andrew Bragg, Chair  
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Deputy Chair  
Senator Nita Green  
Senator Anthony Chisholm  
Senator Greg Mirabella  
Senator Sam McMahon



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#### **Ministers attending**

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Thursday, 31 March

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

<b>9.00am</b> (90 mins)	<b>Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources</b>  <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>  Program 2.1: Reducing Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions Program 2.2: Developing clean energy technology  <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>  Program 3.1: Supporting reliable, secure and affordable energy
<b>10.30am</b>	Morning tea
<b>10.45am</b> (45 mins)	<b>Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources</b>  <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>  Program 2.1: Reducing Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions Program 2.2: Developing clean energy technology  <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>  Program 3.1: Supporting reliable, secure and affordable energy
<b>11.30am</b> (30 mins)	<b>Snowy Hydro Limited</b>  Witnesses via videoconference
<b>12.00pm</b> (30 mins)	<b>Clean Energy Regulator</b>  Witnesses via videoconference
<b>12.30pm</b>	Lunch break

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

<b>1.30pm</b> (30 mins)	<b>Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment</b> General questions
<b>2.00pm</b> (105 mins)	<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), including the Office of Threatened Species Commissioner Program 1.2: Environmental Information and Research Program 1.4: Conservation of Australia's Heritage and Environment (regulation) Program 1.5: Environmental Regulation Program 1.6: Management of Hazardous Wastes, Substances and Pollutants
<b>3.45pm</b> (15 mins)	<b>Outcome 2: Advance Australia’s strategic, scientific, environmental and economic interests in the Antarctic region by protecting, administering and researching the region.</b> Program 2.1: Antarctica: Science, Policy and Presence Australian Antarctic Division Witnesses via videoconference
<b>4.00 pm</b>	Afternoon tea

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

<b>4.15pm</b> (30 mins)	<b>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</b> General questions
<b>4.45pm</b> (45 mins)	<b>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</b> <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> Program 5.1: Digital Technologies and Communications Services
<b>5.30pm</b>	Dinner break
<b>6.30pm</b> (15 mins)	<b>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</b> <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> Program 5.1: Digital Technologies and Communications Services

<b>6.45pm</b> (30 mins)	<b>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</b> <b>Outcome 6: Participation in, and access to, Australia's arts and culture through developing and supporting cultural expression</b> Program 6.1: Arts and Cultural Development
<b>7.15pm</b> (45 mins)	<b>Australian Broadcasting Corporation</b> Witnesses via videoconference
<b>8.00pm</b> (45 mins)	<b>Australian Communications and Media Authority</b> Witnesses in person and via videoconference
<b>8.45pm</b>	Tea break
<b>9.00pm</b> (45 mins)	<b>NBNCo</b> Witnesses in person and via videoconference
<b>9.45pm</b> (30 mins)	<b>Australian Postal Corporation</b> Witnesses via videoconference
<b>10.15pm</b> (45 mins)	<b>Office of the eSafety Commissioner</b> Witnesses in person and via videoconference
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment

Monday, 4 April

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

<b>9.00am</b> (60 mins)	<b>Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources</b>  <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>  Program 2.1: Reducing Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions
<b>10.00am</b> (60 mins)	<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>  Program 2.2: Developing clean energy technology
<b>11.00am</b>	Morning tea
<b>11.15am</b> (60 mins)	<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>  Program 3.1: Supporting reliable, secure and affordable energy
<b>12.15am</b> (30 mins)	<b>Australian Renewable Energy Agency</b>
<b>12.45pm</b> (30 mins)	<b>Climate Change Authority</b>
<b>1.15pm</b> (30 mins)	<b>Clean Energy Finance Corporation</b>
<b>1.45pm</b>	Lunch break

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

<p><b>2.45pm</b> (60 mins)</p>	<p><b>Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment</b></p> <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 1.1: Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and the Environment (funding)</p>
<p><b>3.45pm</b> (30 mins)</p>	<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>
<p><b>4.15pm</b></p>	<p>Afternoon tea</p>
<p><b>4.30pm</b> (30 mins)</p>	<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>
<p><b>5.00pm</b> (30 mins)</p>	<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 1.5: Environmental Regulation</p>
<p><b>5.30pm</b> (30 mins)</p>	<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 1.6: Management of Hazardous Wastes, Substances and Pollutants</p>
<p><b>6.00pm</b> (30 mins)</p>	<p><b>Bureau of Meteorology</b></p>
<p><b>6.30pm</b> (30 mins)</p>	<p><b>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</b></p>
<p><b>7.00pm</b></p>	<p>Adjournment</p>

Tuesday, 5 April

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

<b>9.00am</b> (120 mins)	<b>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</b> <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> Program 5.1: Digital Technologies and Communications Services
<b>11.00am</b>	Morning tea
<b>11.15pm</b> (60 mins)	<b>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</b> <b>Outcome 6: Participation in, and access to, Australia's arts and culture through developing and supporting cultural expression</b> Program 6.1: Arts and Cultural Development
<b>12.15pm</b>	Adjournment