



THE SENATE

**ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**Water Amendment Bill 2015 [Provisions]**

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Monday 24 August 2015**

**Senate Committee Room 2S1**  
**PARLIAMENT HOUSE CANBERRA**

| <b>Time</b>     | <b>Witness</b>  |
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| 8.45 am         | <b>Department of the Environment</b> ( <i>Submission 24</i> )<br>Mr David Parker, Deputy Secretary, Water and Parks Group<br>Mr Tony Slatyer, First Assistant Secretary, Water Division<br>Ms Mary Colreavy, Assistant Secretary, Water Acquisition and Markets<br>Ms Tara Oliver, Director, Water Regulation                                 |
| 9.45 am         | <b>National Irrigators' Council</b> ( <i>Submission 25</i> )<br>Mr Gavin McMahon, Chair<br>Mr Tom Chesson, Chief Executive Officer<br><br><b>NSW Irrigators' Council (via teleconference)</b> ( <i>Submission 10</i> )<br>Mr Mark McKenzie, Chief Executive Officer<br>Ms Stefanie Schulte, Economic Policy Analyst                           |
| <b>10.30 am</b> | <b>Break</b>  |
| 10.45 am        | <b>EDOs of Australia (via teleconference)</b> ( <i>Submission 22</i> )<br>Mr Jeff Smith, Executive Director<br>Dr Emma Carmody, Policy & Law Reform Solicitor   |
| 11.25 am        | <b>Australian Conservation Foundation, Environment Victoria and Environmental Justice Australia (via teleconference)</b> ( <i>Submission 2</i> )<br>Mr Jonathan La Nauze, Australian Conservation Foundation<br>Ms Juliet Le Feuvre, Healthy Rivers Campaign Manager, Environment Victoria<br>Mr John Pettigrew, Member, Environment Victoria |
| 12.05 pm        | <b>Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations</b> ( <i>Submission 17</i> )<br>Mr Darren Perry, Chair  |
| <b>12.45 pm</b> | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| 1.40 pm         | <b>National Farmers' Federation</b> ( <i>Submission 18</i> )<br>Mr Les Gordon, Chair, NFF Water Taskforce<br>Ms Christine Kershaw, NRM Manager<br>Mr Chris Young, Policy Officer  |
| 2.20 pm         | <b>Australian Government Department of Agriculture</b> ( <i>Submission 21</i> )<br>Mr Ian Thompson, First Assistant Secretary, Sustainability and Biosecurity Policy Division<br>Ms Michelle Lauder, Assistant Secretary, Water Branch<br>Mr Stephen Taylor, Senior Policy Officer  |

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| 3.00 pm | <b>Murray-Darling Basin Authority</b> ( <i>Submission 8</i> )<br>Ms Rhondda Dickson, Chief Executive Officer<br>Mr David Dreverman, Executive Director, River Management<br>Dr Peta Derham, A/g General Manager Ecohydrology Analysis Branch |
| 3.50 pm | <i>Adjournment</i>   |