



THE SENATE

**ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Standards and Assurance) Bill 2021**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Tuesday 4 May 2021**

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

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
9.00 am	<p><b>Business Council of Australia (via videoconference) (Submission 1)</b> Ms Jennifer Westacott AO, Chief Executive Ms Jessica Wilson, Executive Director, Policy</p> <p><b>Property Council of Australia (via videoconference) (Submission 2)</b> Mr Mike Zorbas, Executive Director Policy and Advocacy Mr Darren Walsh, National Councillor- Urban Development Institute of Australia Mr Murray Saunders, Member</p> <p><b>National Farmers Federation (Submission 3)</b> Mr Tony Mahar, Chief Executive Officer Mr Warwick Ragg, General Manager, Natural Resource Management</p>
9.50 am	<p><b>Threatened Species Recovery Hub (Submission 4)</b> Professor Brendan Wintle, Director</p> <p><b>Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists (Submission 5)</b> Professor Martine Maron, Member Dr Celine Steinfeld, Director</p> <p><b>Australian Academy of Science (Submission 6)</b> Professor Craig Moritz, Chair, National Committee for Ecology, Evolution and Conservation</p>
<b>10.40 am</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>

11.00 am	<p><b>WWF Australia (via videoconference) (Submission 7)</b> Mr Dermot O'Gorman, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p><b>Wilderness Society (Submission 8)</b> Ms Suzanne Milthorpe, National Environmental Law Campaign Manager</p> <p><b>Humane Society International (Submission 9)</b> Ms Nicola Beynon, Head of Campaigns</p> <p><b>Australian Conservation Foundation (Submission 10)</b> Ms Kelly O'Shanassy, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p><b>BirdLife Australia (Submission 11)</b> Mr Gerard Early, Board Director Ms Samantha Vine, Head of Conservation (via videoconference)</p>
12.00 pm	<p><b>National Environmental Law Association (via videoconference) (Submission 12)</b> Dr Hanna Jaireth, President</p> <p><b>Environmental Defenders Office (via videoconference) (Submission 13)</b> Ms Rachel Walmsley, Head of Policy and Law Reform</p> <p><b>Law Council of Australia (via videoconference) (Submission 14)</b> Ms Robyn Glindermann, Chair- Australian Environment and Planning Law Group; Chair- Climate Change Working Group Ms Leonie Campbell, Deputy Director of Policy</p>
<b>12.50 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
1.30 pm	<p><b>Minerals Council of Australia (Submission 15)</b> Ms Tania Constable, Chief Executive Officer Mr Chris McCombe, General Manager - Sustainability Mr Matthew Jeffries, Senior Manager - Environmental Policy</p> <p><b>Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (via videoconference) (Submission 16)</b> Mr Andrew McConville, Chief Executive Mr Matthew Paull, Acting Queensland Director Mr Ashley Wells, Director - Government Relations</p>
2.10 pm	<p><b>Dr Peter Burnett, Honorary Associate Professor- Australian National University (Submission 17)</b></p> <p><b>Tasmanian Independent Science Council (via videoconference) (Submission 18)</b> Professor Benjamin Richardson, Member Professor Jamie Kirkpatrick, Member Dr Lisa-ann Gershwin, Member Dr Edward Butler, Member</p> <p><b>Dr Megan Evans, Lecturer and ARC DECRA Fellow, University of New South Wales (Submission 19)</b></p>
3.00 pm	<p><b>Threatened Species Scientific Committee (via videoconference) (Submission 20)</b> Professor Helene Marsh, Chair</p>

<b>3.30 pm</b>	<b>Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment</b> ( <i>Submission 21</i> ) Mr James Tregurtha, Acting Deputy Secretary Mr Greg Manning, Acting First Assistant Secretary, Environment Protection and Reform Division Mr Declan O'Connor-Cox, Assistant Secretary, Environment Protection Reform Branch Ms Emma Flanigan, Director, Legislative Development Section, Environment Protection Reform Branch
<b>4.30 pm</b>	<b><i>Adjournment</i></b>