



THE SENATE

RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Red Imported Fire Ants in Australia

**PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday 5 March 2024**

Mercure Newcastle, 12 Steel St, Newcastle West

Time	Witness
9.00 am	Crop Pollination Association of Australia Inc. (<i>Submission 26</i>) Mr Steve Fuller, President Australian Honey Bee Industry Council Mr Daniel Le Feuvre, Chief Executive Officer
9.30 am	Dr Robert Puckett, Associate Professor, Department of Entomology, Texas A&M University
10.00 am	Grain Producers Australia (<i>Submission 52</i>) Mr Colin Bettles, Chief Executive Officer New South Wales Farmers Association (<i>Submission 55</i>) Mr Xavier Martin, President Mr Nicholas Savage, Policy Director
10.30 am	<i>Morning tea</i>
10.45 am	National Allergy Centre of Excellence (<i>Submission 13</i>) Professor Sheryl van Nunen OAM, Co-chair Insect Allergy Group Allergy and Anaphylaxis Australia (<i>Submission 13</i>) Ms Kylie Hollinshead, Allergy Educator University of Melbourne, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health (<i>Submission 13</i>) Dr Diego Lopez, Pebbles Study Coordinator, Allergy and Lung Health Unit University of Melbourne, Population and Global Health (<i>Submission 13</i>) Professor Adrian Lowe, Professorial Fellow and Co-head, Allergy and Lung Health Unit
11.30 am	Community Voice Australia Ms Kate Mason Save the Bees Australia Mr Simon Mulvany, Founder

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12.00 pm	Australian Wildlife Society (<i>Submission 1</i>) Mr Brian Scarsbrick AM, Director Animal Health Australia Dr Samantha Allan, Acting Chief Executive Officer
12.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm	Centre of Excellence for Biosecurity Risk Analysis (<i>Submission 10</i>) Professor Andrew Robinson, Chief Executive Officer Associate Professor Susan Hester, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investigator
2.00 pm	Greenlife Industry Australia (<i>Submission 45</i>) Ms Joanna Cave, Chief Executive Officer Mr John McDonald, Director RDE and Biosecurity Invasive Species Council Conservation and Science Committee Mr Ian Thompson, Chair
2.30 pm	New South Wales Department of Primary Industries Dr John Tracey, Deputy Director General Biosecurity and Food Safety Mr Scott Charlton, Chief Invasive Species Officer
3.25 pm	Sundew Solutions (<i>Submission 67</i>) Mr David Priddy, Chief Executive Officer
3.30 pm	Adjournment