



THE SENATE

**RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**Red Imported Fire Ants in Australia**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Monday 18 March 2024**

**Senate Committee Room 2S1  
Parliament House, Canberra**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
5.00 pm	<b>Plant Health Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 48</i> ) Ms Sarah Corcoran, Chief Executive Officer Dr Lucy Tran-Nguyen, General Manager, Partnerships and Innovation Mr Stuart Kearns, National Manager, Preparedness and RD&E
5.25 pm	<b>National Farmers Federation</b> ( <i>Submission 46</i> ) Mr Warwick Ragg, General Manager Natural Resource Management Mr Greg Hosking, Senior Policy Officer Rural Affairs Mr Angus Atkinson, Chair Sustainable Development and Climate Change Committee
5.50 pm	<b>CSIRO</b> ( <i>Submission 14</i> ) Dr Raghu Sathyamurthy, Research Director, Health and Biosecurity Ms Kirsten Rose, Executive Director, Future Industries
<b>6.15 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
6.25 pm	<b>Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority</b> ( <i>Submission 22</i> ) Dr Maria Trainer, Executive Director, Registration Management Dr Melissa McEwen, Chief Executive Officer
6.50 pm	<b>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</b> ( <i>Submission 24</i> ) Ms Justine Saunders APM, Deputy Secretary, Biosecurity and Compliance Group Dr Gabrielle Vivian-Smith, Chief Plant Protection Officer Dr Bertie Hennecke, Australian Chief Environmental Biosecurity Officer  <b>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</b> ( <i>Submission 43</i> ) Dr Fiona Fraser, Threatened Species Commissioner Ms Cassandra Kennedy, Division Head, Biodiversity Division
<b>8.00 pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>

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