



THE SENATE

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Australia's extinction crisis

**PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday 17 April 2024**

2S3, Australian Parliament House, CANBERRA

| Time | Witness |
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| 9.00 am | Lock the Gate Alliance Ms Georgina Woods, Head of Research and Investigations (via videoconference) Australian Youth Climate Coalition Mrs Alexandra Hill, National Director (via videoconference) |
| 9.40 am | Environment Centre Northern Territory Dr Kirsty Howey, Executive Director (via videoconference) |
| 10.10 am | Professor Graeme Samuel AC (via videoconference) |
| 10.40 am | Break |
| 10.50 am | Environmental Defenders Office Ms Rachel Walmsley, Head of Policy and Law Reform (via videoconference) Ms Rachael Chick, Senior Solicitor (via videoconference) Environmental Justice Australia Ms Danya Jacobs, Special Counsel, Ecosystems Lead (via videoconference) |
| 11.30 am | Australian Marine Conservation Society Mrs Alexia Wellbelove, Campaign Manager - Fisheries & Threatened Species (via videoconference) Australian Conservation Foundation Mr Brendan Sydes, National Biodiversity Policy Adviser WWF Australia Dr Kita Ashman, Threatened Species and Climate Adaption Ecologist (via videoconference) The Wilderness Society Mr Sam Szoke-Burke, Biodiversity Policy and Campaign Manager (via videoconference) Climate Council Dr Jennifer Rayner, Head of Policy and Advocacy |
| 12.30 pm | Lunch |

Committee Chair: Senator Sarah Hanson-Young

Committee Secretary: Stephen Palethorpe

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| 1.20 pm | <p>Australian Academy of Science Mr Christopher Anderson, Director, Science Policy Professor Martine Maron, Member, National Committee for Ecology, Evolution and Conservation</p> <p>Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists Dr Celine Steinfeld, Director (via videoconference) Professor Martine Maron, Member</p> <p>Biodiversity Council Mr James Trezise, Director Dr Peter Burnett, Council member</p> |
| 2.10 pm | <p>NRM Regions Australia Dr Kate Andrews, Chief Executive Officer (via videoconference)</p> |
| 2.40 pm | <i>Break</i> |
| 2.50 pm | <p>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Mr Dean Knudson, Deputy Secretary Ms Lyn O'Connell, Deputy Secretary Ms Rachel Parry, Deputy Secretary Mr James Tregurtha, Division Head, Nature Positive Taskforce Ms Jane Coram, Division Head, Environment Information Australia Mr Andrew McNee, Division Head, Environmental Permitting and Compliance Division Mr Bruce Edwards, Division Head, Nature Positive Regulation Division</p> |
| 5.00 pm | <i>Adjournment</i> |