



JOINT COMMITTEES

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Northern Australia Workforce Development

**PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday 17 April 2024**

**Pullman Cairns International
Blewater 1 Room, 17 Abbott Street, Cairns**

Time	Witness
9.00 am	Cairns Institute, James Cook University (via teleconference) Professor Allan Dale Central Queensland University Ms Jodie Duignan-George, Associate Vice-President James Cook University Professor Marie Dinan-Thompson, Deputy Vice Chancellor Education
10.00 am	Cairns Regional Council Mr Nick Massasso, Director of Economic Development and Advocacy Cairns Convention Centre Ms Janet Hamilton, General Manager
10.45 am	<i>Morning tea</i>
11.00 am	Cape York Land Council Mr Richard Ah Mat, Chairman
11.45 am	Rock Ridge Farming Ms Ashleigh Bergmann, Seasonal Workforce Coordinator FNQ Growers (Submission 25) Mr Joe Moro, President Manbulloo Limited Ms Marie Piccone, Managing Director
12.30 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1.45 pm	Skybury Farms (via teleconference) Mrs Candy McLaughlin, General Manager Mackays Group Mr Alex Hutton, Chief Executive Officer Ms Tayla Mackay, General Manager - Corporate

2.30 pm	Australian Hotels Association Mr Stephen Ferguson AHA, National CEO Mr Scott Wilson, Member - Queensland State Advisory Committee, Accommodation Australia Ms Jenny Lambert, Director of Policy, Accommodation Australia
3.15 pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
3.30 pm	Cairns Chamber of Commerce Mrs Patricia Ann O'Neill, Chief Executive Officer Mareeba Chamber of Commerce (Submission 25) Ms Jillian Trout, Committee and Board Member Atherton Tablelands Chamber of Commerce Ms Louise Livingstone, President
4.15 pm	Catholic Education Mr Bill Dixon, Executive Director Trinity Anglican School Mr Paul Sjogren, Principal Cairns Hinterland and Health Service (via teleconference) Dr Donald Mackie, Executive Director Medical Services
5.15 pm	<i>Adjournment</i>