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Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement between Australia and the United Arab Emirates

**PUBLIC HEARING
Thursday 30 January 2025**

**Committee Room 2R1
Parliament House, Canberra**

Time	Witness
12.30 pm	<p><i>Panel 1 (Agriculture):</i> Australian Meat Industry Council (AMIC) Mr Timothy Ryan, Interim Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>Australian Dairy Farmers Mr Nathan Pope, Policy Manager</p> <p>Australian Dairy Products Federation (ADPF) Mr John Williams, Executive Chair</p> <p>Dairy Australia Mr Karl Ellis, Manager Economic Sustainability and Competitiveness</p> <p>Australian Livestock Exporters' Council Mr Scott Kompo-Harms, Deputy CEO Mr Mark Harvey-Sutton, Chief Executive Officer</p>
1.15 pm	<p><i>Panel 2 (Business):</i> The Australian Industry Group (Submission 2) Ms Hnin Nwe Oo, Economic Policy Analyst Ms Louise McGrath, Head of Industry Development and Policy</p>
2.00 pm	<p><i>Panel 3 (Unions/Civil Society):</i> Australian Council of Trade Unions (Submission 7) Ms Clare Middlemas, Senior International Officer Mr Liam O'Brien, Assistant Secretary</p> <p>Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network (Submission 8) Dr Patricia Ranald, Convener</p> <p>NSW Nurses and Midwives Association (Submission 15) Mr Mark Dunstan, Lead Industrial</p>

2.45 pm	<p>Panel 4 (Government): The Department of Industry, Science and Resources (DISR) Ms Alison Drury, General Manager, Trade and International Branch Mr Matthew Deady, Manager, Trade Policy and Programs Section</p> <p>The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) Mr Brett Hughes, Director</p> <p>Australian Border Force Ms Kimberlee Clydesdale, Assistant Secretary - Customs and Trade Policy Mrs Tharani Vithanage, First Assistant Secretary - Strategy and Policy Division Mr Cody Wilson, A/g Director – Trade and Tariff Policy</p> <p>The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Ms Gemma Huggins, Assistant Secretary, Middle East Branch Mr Daniel Bui, Director, Bilateral and Regional Digital Section Ms Celina Smith, Assistant Director Mr Liam Watson, A/g Director, FTA Goods Market Access and Rules Section Ms Joanne Lovejoy, Director, Mobility and Mutual Recognition Section Mrs Lillian Riches, Director- Legal FTAs and Emerging Issues Law Section (FLS) Mr Laurence Sandral, Assistant Director, International Intellectual Property Section Ms Jessica Allen, Deputy Chief Negotiator, Australia-UAE CEPA Ms Jessie Street, Acting Director Mr Ravi Kewalram, First Assistant Secretary Mr James Yeomans, A/g Assistant Secretary FTA Services Mobility and Coordination Branch Free Trade Agreements and Stakeholder Engagement Division Ms Kate Finney, Assistant Director - Legal Mr James Turner, Assistant Director, Industrial Policy and Government Procurement Section Ms Naomi Mason, Treaties Manager</p>
3.30 pm	<p>Adjournment</p>