



## **Joint Select Committee on the Australia Fund Establishment**

### **Media Release**

The Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on the Australia Fund Establishment held its inaugural meeting on 30 October 2014 electing Mr Andrew Laming MP as its Chair and Senator Glenn Lazarus as its Deputy Chair.

The committee is tasked with inquiring into and reporting on the establishment of a fund to assist rural and manufacturing industries in crisis and to support communities particularly those affected by natural disasters.

The committee comprises six Members and four Senators:

- Mr Andrew Laming MP, Liberal Party of Australia, Bowman, Qld (Chair)
- Senator Glenn Lazarus, Palmer United Party, Qld, (Deputy Chair)
- Ms Terri Butler MP, Australian Labor Party, Griffith, Qld
- Senator the Hon Kim Carr, Australian Labor Party, Vic
- The Hon Ed Husic MP, Australian Labor Party, Chifley, NSW
- Mr Keith Pitt MP, The Nationals, Hinkler, Qld
- Hon Christian Porter MP, Liberal Party of Australia, Pearce, WA
- Senator Linda Reynolds, Liberal Party of Australia, WA
- Senator Zed Seselja, Liberal Party of Australia, ACT
- Mr Andrew Wilkie MP, Denison, Tas

‘The committee will be looking to gather evidence from across Australia in the first quarter of 2015’, committee Chair Mr Andrew Laming MP said. ‘It is important to investigate ways to provide support for Australia's rural and manufacturing industries particularly in times of natural disasters’, Mr Laming said.

The committee has agreed to call for submissions immediately, commencing 1 November and closing 27 November 2014. The committee is due to provide its report to Parliament on or before 30 June 2015.

Submissions can be made online at the website or emailed to [australiafund.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:australiafund.sen@aph.gov.au). For further information, including the terms of reference, see: [www.aph.gov.au/jointsc\\_australiafund](http://www.aph.gov.au/jointsc_australiafund).

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