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## Public hearing on nuclear energy

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy is holding its first public hearing on the prerequisites for nuclear energy in Australia.

Chair of the Committee Mr Ted O'Brien MP said he is looking forward to hearing from experts in the field.

"This inquiry needs to answer three basic questions about nuclear energy" Mr O'Brien said. "Is nuclear energy feasible, suitable and palatable?"

"To be feasible, it would have to stack up on economic, technological and capability grounds.

"To be suitable, it would have to make sense on environmental, safety and security grounds.

"And to be palatable, there would have to be an appetite among the Australian people.

"It's time to hear from the experts."

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### First public hearing

Date: Thursday, 29 August 2019

Time: 9:00am to 12:15pm

Location: Portside Conference Centre, 207 Kent St, Sydney

9:00am: Dr Ziggy Switkowski

10:00am: Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation  
Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Authority

11:15am: Australian Energy Market Operator  
Australian Energy Market Commission  
Australian Energy Regulator

12:15pm: Close

The hearing will be broadcast live at [aph.gov.au/live](http://aph.gov.au/live).

The Committee intends to hold public hearings at various locations, which will be announced in due course on the inquiry website: <https://www.aph.gov.au/nuclearpower>. Submissions close on 16 September 2019. Further information about the inquiry, including how to lodge a submission and terms of reference, can be found at <https://www.aph.gov.au/nuclearpower> or contact the Secretariat on (02) 6277 4580 or at [environment.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:environment.reps@aph.gov.au).

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