



HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE RECENT AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRES  
INQUIRY INTO RECENT AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRES

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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Chair: Mr Gary Nairn, MP  
Deputy: Mr Dick Adams, MP

## **Bushfires Committee: inspections & public hearings in WA Tuesday 5 August (Manjimup) and Wednesday 6 August (Perth)**

The House of Representatives Committee established to examine issues surrounding the summer bushfires will hold further public hearings in Western Australia next week.

The committee will visit **Manjimup** in south-west WA on Tuesday 5 August for site inspections and public hearings, and **Perth** on Wednesday 6 August for public hearings.

The committee will hear from forestry groups, conservation groups, farmers, local councils, the state government and private individuals and businesses (the hearing programs appear below).

The committee - which has received more than 450 written submissions - has already conducted public hearings and inspections in NSW (Nowra, Katoomba, Richmond and Cooma) and Victoria (Wodonga, Omeo, Buchan and Ballarat), Tasmania and the ACT.

The Bushfires Committee Chair, Mr Gary Nairn, says "we have received many submissions from Western Australia which indicate concerns with the situation in the west, and also alternate approaches. The hearings in Western Australia will provide an opportunity for us to further explore these issues".

**The committee is aiming to table its report on 6 November 2003.**

**For media comment**, contact Committee Chair, Mr Gary Nairn, via (02) 6297 3952 or 0419 420 108

**For queries on the inquiry process**, contact the Committee Secretary, Ian Dundas via (02) 6277 4813 or visit the inquiry website at [www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/bushfires/](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/bushfires/)

### **PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAMS**

**Note: All the written submissions noted below appear on the inquiry website:**

#### **Manjimup – Tuesday 5 August 2003 (Manjimup Shire Council Chambers, 36 Rose Street)**

2.00pm	Ex-DCLM staff (WA Department of Conservation and Land Management) and foresters - John Evans (sub #96), Don Spriggins (sub #159), Tom Muir (sub #221)
3.00 pm	Shire of Manjimup (sub #200) and Shire of Kojonup
4.15 pm	Hon Paul Omodei MLA (sub #197)
4.45 pm	Rod Daw (sub #80)
5.30 pm	Open forum

#### **Perth – Wednesday 6 August 2003 (Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices, Level 39, Stock Exchange Plaza, 2 The Esplanade, Perth)**

9.45 am	The Bush Fire Front (sub #91)
10.30 am	Mr Bruce Telfer (sub #1)
11.30 am	Conservation Council of WA (sub #400)
12.15 pm	Forest Industries Federation (WA) (sub #340)
2.00 pm	Hon A A Lewis (no sub)
2.45 pm	WA Government (sub #362)
4.00 pm	WA Farmers Federation (sub #228)
4.45 pm	WA Forest Alliance (sub #22)