



## Conduct of the inquiry

### Advertising the inquiry

The inquiry was advertised in *The Australian*, *Adelaide Advertiser*, *Canberra Times*, *Australian Financial Review*, *Hobart Mercury*, *NT News*, *Courier Mail* and the *Western Australia* newspapers on 2 July 2003. The Committee also advertised in regional newspapers such as *The Land*, *Queensland Country Life*, *Stock and Land*, *The Countryman*, *Newcastle Herald* and the *Weekly Times* on 27 and 28 August 2003. The Committee wrote to the relevant Commonwealth Ministers and to State and Territory Governments. In addition the Committee wrote to a range of organisations, including disability groups, academics, unions, local councils, media organisations, businesses and individuals.

### Evidence to the Inquiry

The Committee received 107 submissions and 18 supplementary submissions. These submissions are listed in Appendix B.

The Committee received 97 exhibits to the inquiry, which were provided as attachments to written submissions or received during public hearings or sent to the Committee by other parties. These are listed in Appendix C.

### Public hearings

The Committee held public hearings across Australia in Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane, Newcastle, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, and held three video conferences.

The Committee called 119 witnesses. These witnesses are listed in Appendix D.

### Transcripts of hearings

At the public hearings over 700 pages of evidence were recorded by Hansard. The transcripts and the submissions, which have been published are available for inspection from the Committee Office of the House of Representatives, the National Library of Australia or on the inquiry website at:  
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ewr/emp/index.htm>