



Inquiry into meteorological forecasting Public hearing in Canberra

The House of Representatives Industry, Science and Innovation Committee will conduct a public hearing for its inquiry into long-term meteorological forecasting in Australia, on **Wednesday 12 August** in Canberra.

Appearing at the public hearing will be the two key witnesses for the inquiry, the **Bureau of Meteorology** and **CSIRO**. This hearing will be the second time these organisations have appeared as witnesses for the inquiry. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss issues, concerns and ideas that have arisen in submissions and during previous public hearings.

Both organisations play key roles in weather forecasting, coupling strengths in climate and atmospheric science with strategic research and operational roles. Both organisations jointly manage the Centre for Australian Weather and Climate Research.

The inquiry into long-term meteorological forecasting is examining the efficacy of current climate modelling methods and techniques and long-term meteorological prediction systems and the impact of accurate measurement of inter-seasonal climate variability on decision-making processes for sectors such as agricultural production

PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM

**Wednesday 12 August 2009
10.00am to 12.00pm
Committee Room 1R5
Parliament House
Canberra**

10.00am Bureau of Meteorology (submission 4)

and

CSIRO (submission 16)

12.00pm Close

Further details, including the full terms of reference, membership of the committee and advice on making submissions can be obtained on the committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/isi.

For media comment: contact the Committee Chair, Ms Maria Vamvakinou, on 0417 541 465.

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