



Appendix A — Conduct of the inquiry

Terms of reference

On 20 April 1999, the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources, Senator the Hon Nick Minchin, wrote to the Chairman of the Committee, the Hon Geoff Prosser MP, asking the Committee to inquire into and report on the prospects of increasing value-adding to Australian raw materials. The specific terms of reference for the inquiry have been included in this report at page xi.

Advertising the inquiry

The inquiry was advertised in a number of national newspapers during the period 22 to 24 May 1999. The Committee wrote to the relevant Commonwealth Ministers and to the State and Territory Governments. In addition, over 400 potential stakeholders, including industry associations, received invitations to make submissions to the inquiry.

The second stage of the inquiry was launched in April/May 2000 through advertisements in national and regional newspapers and specialist journals. There was an extensive mail-out to stakeholders. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry-Australia kindly provided the Committee with a mailing list of contacts in the wine, diary and grains industry. All Senators and Members of the House of Representatives were also notified.

Evidence to the inquiry

The Committee received 79 submissions from 60 parties during the course of both stages of the inquiry. These submissions are listed in Appendix B.

The Committee also received 100 exhibits to the inquiry, which were provided as attachments to written submissions, offered during the public hearings or sent to the Committee by other parties. These are listed in Appendix C.

The Committee took evidence at public hearings in Canberra, Perth, Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney. The Committee called 66 witnesses to give evidence at public hearings and 415 pages of evidence were recorded by Hansard. Details of the hearings and witnesses appearing are in Appendix D.

The transcript of evidence taken at public hearings and copies of all written submissions on public record will be made available for inspection at the Committee Office of the House of Representatives and at the National Library of Australia. The transcripts and most of the submissions are also available on the inquiry website at www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/isr/Val_Add.