



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage

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Chair: Mal Washer MP

Deputy Chair: Jennie George MP

RESUMED INQUIRY

Sustainable Cities 2025 – Public Hearing in Perth 31 March 2005

The House of Representatives Environment and Heritage Committee has resumed its inquiry into *Sustainable Cities 2025* and will conduct a public hearing in Perth on 31 March to gather further evidence.

Committee Chair, Dr Mal Washer, said that the previous Committee had gathered much valuable evidence on finding ways that Australian cities of the future are clean, liveable and accessible. However, the Committee was not able to visit Western Australia to hear from interested parties before the federal election was called last year.

“Submissions received by the Committee from Western Australia suggest that some of the issues faced in building sustainable cities in the west are unique, while many parallels can also be drawn with the growth of cities in the east,” Dr Washer said.

“The Committee feels it is important to draw out both the similarities and the differences in the growth of Australian cities.

“Perth and other centres in Western Australia have a number of valuable programs for sustainable cities in place and have made great progress on initiatives particularly in environmental design, water conservation and alternative energy usage.”

“The Committee aims to incorporate information gathered in Western Australia in developing a national blueprint and set of objectives for sustainable Australian cities.”

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE

Venue: Duxton Hotel (Room 2), No 1 St Georges Terrace, Perth, WA

8.50 a.m. WA Government [submission 173] and Sustainable Energy Development Office [submission 89]
10.10 a.m. Perth Area Consultative Committee [submission 62]
11.00 a.m. Conservation Council of WA [submission 139]
11.35 a.m. Urban Bushland Council [submission 135]
12.10 p.m. WA Collaboration [submission 141]
12.45 p.m. *Conclusion of program*

For media comment, contact: Dr Mal Washer, House Environment Committee Chair, on (08) 9300 2244.

For background information, including submissions, please contact the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4580, or mobile 0421 611 177 on 31 March, or visit the inquiry website at www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/environ