



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage

MEDIA ALERT

Issued: 15 Feb 2001

**ATT: WA media (especially environment & rural writers/programs)
Story/Event on Tuesday 20 February**

Conservation: who gains, who pays? *WA rural sector and Government at federal inquiry into conservation measures imposed on landholders*

The House of Representatives Environment Committee, chaired by the Hon Ian Causley MP, will hold a public hearing in **Perth** on **Tuesday, 20 February**, to hear WA Government, farmer and land-manager views on the impact of conservation measures imposed by Government on private landholders.

The House Environment Committee is currently holding a number of public hearings around Australia as part of its inquiry into 'public good conservation'. The Committee is interested in the effect, including costs, of requirements to undertake conservation measures, such as protecting or rehabilitating native vegetation on private land.

Public Event: **House of Representatives Environment Committee**
The impact of conservation measures imposed on landholders

Where: **Blackburne Room, Saville Park Suites, 201 Hay Street**

When: **Tuesday 20 February, 9.00 a.m. – 3.45 p.m.**

9.00 a.m.	WA Govt Agencies
9.45 a.m.	Water Corporation
10.45 a.m.	Pastoralists and Graziers Association of Western Australia
11.30 a.m.	Western Australian Farmers Federation
1.15 p.m.	Mr P J Logan (Valuer)
2.00 p.m.	South West Private Property Action Group
3.00 p.m.	Western Australian Soil and Land Conservation Council

The House Environment Committee is seeking information and ideas on:

- ~ how to decrease the financial burden on landholders of carrying out conservation measures;
- ~ ways of ensuring that the costs of public good conservation are shared by all; and
- ~ how to distinguish measures that largely benefit the landholders themselves from measures that largely benefit the public at large, and how to cost these measures.

As part of its inquiry, the Committee is also visiting rural areas to see how landholders are dealing with the conservation measures imposed on them, and hear their views on how they could be helped to undertake public good conservation activities.

For more details, including Submissions and Terms of Reference, contact the House Environment Committee Secretariat on 02 6277 4580 or visit the House Environment Committee web site:
www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/environ/

To arrange media comment, contact **Ian Causley**, House Environment Committee Chair, directly on 02 6642 6356, or House of Representatives Committees' media adviser: Geoff Dodd on (02) 6277 2063