



# Uranium explorers and nuclear power giant to attend hearing

***Perth public hearing, 23 September 2005***

Representatives of prominent Australian uranium exploration companies, together with the nuclear power and uranium mining giant, Areva, will attend this Friday's public hearing in Perth for a parliamentary inquiry investigating the strategic importance of Australia's uranium resources.

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Industry and Resources is conducting hearings to gather evidence for its inquiry into the development of the non-fossil fuel energy industry in Australia. The Committee has commenced its inquiry with a case study examining Australia's uranium industry.

The Committee will receive evidence from six uranium exploration companies that have figured prominently in recent market interest in uranium, including Nova Energy, Arafura Resources, Deep Yellow and Paladin Resources.

The Committee will also be hearing from the Areva Group, which is the world's only corporation operating in every stage of the nuclear fuel cycle. Areva is the world's second largest producer of uranium, with around 20 per cent of global market share. Areva has uranium exploration interests in the Northern Territory and South Australia. The full public hearing program appears below.

The inquiry is examining the global demand for Australia's uranium resources, the strategic importance of these resources and the potential implications for global greenhouse gas emission reductions from the further development and export of Australia's uranium resources.

Submissions to the inquiry are available on the Committee's web site:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/isr/uranium/subs.htm>

## **PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE**

*Venue:* Commonwealth Offices, Stock Exchange Plaza, 2 The Esplanade, Perth

9.00 am	<b>Areva</b> (sub no. 39)
9.45 am	<b>Association of Mining and Exploration Companies</b> (sub no. 20)
10.45 am	<b>Eaglefield Holdings Pty Ltd</b> (sub no. 18)
11.30 am	<b>Medical Association for the Prevention of War – WA Branch</b> (sub no. 8)
1.00 pm	<b>Arafura Resources NL</b> (sub no. 22)
1.45 pm	<b>Jindalee Resources Ltd</b> (sub no. 31)
2.45 pm	<b>Nova Energy Ltd</b> (sub no. 50)
3.30 pm	<b>Deep Yellow Ltd</b> (sub no. 16)
4.15 pm	<i>Close of public hearing</i>

**For media comment**, please contact the Committee Chairman, the Hon Geoff Prosser MP, on: (02) 6277 2055 (Parliament House) or (08) 9791 1146 (Electorate Office in Bunbury, WA)

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