



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 then 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.

Evidence to the inquiry

The Committee received 54 submissions from 45 parties of which all but three were authorised for publication. These submissions are listed in Appendix B.

The Committee also received 46 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 both Canberra and Perth. The Committee called 40 witnesses to give evidence at public hearings and 213 pages of evidence were reported 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.