



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MEDIA ALERT

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Standing Committee on Primary Industries and Regional Services

Story/Event on Wednesday 4 April

Clever industries for regional Australia

CSIRO to comment to MPs on developing high technology industries in regional Australia based on bioprospecting, bioprocessing and other related biotechnologies

The House of Representatives Primary Industries, chaired by Fran Bailey MP, will hold a public hearing in **Canberra** on **Wednesday, 4 April**, to hear CSIRO's views on developing high technology industries in regional Australia based on bioprospecting, bioprocessing and other related biotechnologies.

Public Event: **House of Representatives Primary Industries Committee**
Development of high technology industries in regional Australia based on bioprospecting, bioprocessing and other related biotechnologies

Where: **Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra**

When: **Wednesday 4 April, 4.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.**

4.30 p.m. CSIRO

The Committee is looking at the contribution bioprospecting could make to regional industry development, and identifying any barriers that exist and how maximum benefits could be secured. The Committee is also interested in the impact that such industries might have on the environment.

As part of its inquiry, the Committee is also visiting regional areas to hear the views of bioprospectors, researchers, and business people, and to see existing industries based on bioprospecting.

For more details, including Submissions and Terms of Reference, contact the House Primary Industries Secretariat on 02 6277 4500 or visit the House Primary Industries Committee web site:

www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/primind/

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