



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage

MEDIA ALERT

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Chair: Mal Washer MP

Deputy Chair: Jennie George MP

Search for sustainability strategies in Tasmania and WA

As part of its inquiry into the development of a national sustainability charter, the House Environment Committee will conduct public hearings in Tasmania on Friday 13 April and Perth on Wednesday 18 April.

Committee Chair, Dr Mal Washer, said the hearings will explore the strategies which could potentially be included in a national sustainability charter.

"The Committee is interested in learning more about sustainability strategies such as the Hydro Tasmania's Sustainability Policy and the WA Government's State Sustainability Strategy," Committee Chair Dr Mal Washer said.

"In its Sustainable Cities report (released August 2005), the Committee highlighted the need for federal government leadership on sustainability by making a recommendation on the need for a national sustainability charter.

This subsequent inquiry will provide recommendations for the federal government on how to exercise such leadership through the proposed national sustainability charter."

As well as hearing from Hydro Tasmania in Hobart and the Western Australian Government in Perth, the Committee will hear from several other organisations and individuals during the public hearings.

PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAMS

Friday 13 April 2007—Hobart—9.00am

Committee Room 2, Parliament House, Parliament Square, Salamanca Wharf, Hobart

9.05am–9.45am **AASMIC** (sub 101)

9.45am–10.35am **Sustainable Living Tasmania**

11.00am–12.00pm **Prof Graham Harris, Prof Manfred Lenzen and Mr Richard Sanders** (sub 95)

12.00pm–1.00pm **Hydro Tasmania** (sub 24)

Wednesday 18 April 2007—Perth—9.00am

Meeting Room 2, Legislative Assembly, 11 Harvest Terrace, West Perth

9.05am–9.45am **Dr Elizabeth Karol** (sub 20)

9.45am–10.35am **GRD Ltd** (sub 55)

10.50am–11.30am **Sustainable Transport Coalition** (sub 62)

11.30am–12.10pm **City of Joondalup** (sub 15)

12.40pm–1.20pm **WA Government**

1.20pm–2.00pm **Water Corporation**

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

For background information contact the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4580 or visit the inquiry website at: <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/environ/charter/index.htm>

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