



Inquiry into meteorological forecasting Public hearing in Sydney

The House of Representatives Industry, Science and Innovation Committee will conduct a public hearing for its inquiry into long-term meteorological forecasting in Australia, on **Tuesday 30 June** in Sydney.

Appearing at the public hearing will be Qantas Airways, and The Weather Channel, Australia's 24-hour cable and satellite television channel that broadcasts weather news and information.

Also appearing at the hearing will be Weather Risk Management Services, a private firm that specialises in tailored forecasting and weather risk assessments for the Australian and overseas weather-sensitive energy, soft commodities, construction and agricultural markets.

The inquiry into long-term meteorological forecasting is examining the efficacy of current climate modelling methods and techniques and long-term meteorological prediction systems and the impact of accurate measurement of inter-seasonal climate variability on decision-making processes for sectors such as agricultural production

PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM
Tuesday 30 June 2009 – 9.00am to 12.30pm
Committee Room 814/5, Level 8
Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney

9.00am-10.00am Qantas Airways Ltd (sub. 14)

9.45am-10.30am The Weather Channel (sub. 5)

10.45am-11.30am Firewatch Australia Pty Ltd (sub. 19)

11.30am-12.15pm Weather Risk Management Services Pty Ltd (sub. 21)

Further details, including the full terms of reference, membership of the committee and advice on making submissions can be obtained on the committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/isi.

For media comment: contact the Committee Chair, Ms Maria Vamvakinou, on 0417 541 465.

For further information: contact the Committee Secretary on (02) 6277 4594, or isi.reps@aph.gov.au.