



# Greenpeace International to attend first public hearing

**Canberra, 31 May 2007**

The Director of the Renewable Energy Campaign for Greenpeace International, Mr Sven Teske, will be the first witness called for public hearings starting this Thursday (31 May) for a parliamentary inquiry into Australia's renewable energy sectors.

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Industry and Resources is commencing a program of public hearings for its case study into Australia's renewable energy sectors, including—solar, wave, tidal, geothermal, wind and hydrogen. The case study is to examine the relative state of development of these sectors and their prospects for economically viable electricity generation, storage and transmission.

Mr Sven Teske has worked for Greenpeace for more than 15 years and has been instrumental in leading the development of Greenpeace's renewable energy campaign. He was a founding partner of Greenpeace Energy—Germany's only cooperative energy company. Mr Teske is involved in Greenpeace's clean energy scenario work in Europe, North America, South America and Asia, including China. Based in Germany, Mr Teske was recently in China where he worked on a clean energy program, similar to the existing German model.

Greenpeace will provide evidence at the public hearing based on a report entitled '*Energy [R]evolution: A Sustainable World Energy Outlook*'. The report, released in January, outlines a proposal for a 'global sustainable energy pathway' up to 2050 and was produced by Greenpeace International and the European Renewable Energy Council, in conjunction with the German Aerospace Centre.

The Committee's new case study into renewable energy continues the Inquiry into the development of Australia's non-fossil fuel energy industry, referred to the Committee by the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources, the Hon Ian Macfarlane MP. The initial case study for the inquiry, into the strategic importance of Australia's uranium resources, was completed by the Committee last year.

Further information on the inquiry is available on the Committee's web site:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/isr/renewables/index.htm>

## Public Hearing – Thursday, 31 May 2007

**Venue:** Committee Room 1R2, Parliament House, Canberra

**Time:** 11:30am – 12.30pm, Greenpeace International

*This hearing will be webcast live (audio only) on:* <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

*It will also be broadcast internally at Parliament House, Canberra, on: House Monitoring System channel 96.3.*

**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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