



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**MEDIA ALERT**

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**Standing Committee on Primary Industries and Regional Services**

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**Story/Event on Monday 2 April**

## **Clever industries for regional Australia**

*Federal Government agencies at federal inquiry  
into 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 **Monday, 2 April**, to hear the views of two of the key agencies with an interest in developing high technology industries in regional Australia based on bioprospecting, bioprocessing and other related biotechnologies. A further public hearing will be held with CSIRO on Wednesday, 4 April.

The House Primary Industries Committee has been receiving written submissions for its inquiry, and is now starting on a program of public hearings. Monday's hearing is the first for the inquiry.

**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 1R4, Parliament House, Canberra**

**When:** **Monday 2 April, 9.30 a.m. – 11.15 p.m.**

9.30 a.m. Biotechnology Australia  
10.30 a.m. Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry - Australia

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/](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/primind/)

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