



The strategic importance of Australia's uranium resources

Melbourne public hearing, 19 August 2005

Representatives of CSIRO, mining companies and conservation groups will attend this Friday's public hearing for a parliamentary inquiry investigating the strategic importance of Australia's uranium resources.

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Industry and Resources is conducting hearings to gather evidence for its inquiry into the development of the non-fossil fuel energy industry in Australia. The Committee has commenced its inquiry with a case study examining Australia's uranium industry.

The Committee will receive evidence from organisations such as the Friends of the Earth, Conservation Foundation and mining companies, Southern Gold and Heathgate Resources, holding strongly contrasting views on the future of Australia's uranium industry. The full program appears below.

The second public hearing for the inquiry will be held this Friday, 19 August, in Melbourne.

The inquiry is examining the global demand for Australia's uranium resources, the strategic importance of these resources and the potential implications for global greenhouse gas emission reductions from the further development and export of Australia's uranium resources.

Submissions to the inquiry are available on the Committee's web site:

www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/isr/uranium/subs.htm

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE

Venue: Legislative Council Committee Room, Parliament House, Spring Street, Melbourne

9.00 am	CSIRO (sub no. 37)
9.45 am	Southern Gold (sub no. 54)
10.45 am	Medical Association for the Prevention of War (Australia) Victorian Branch (sub no. 30)
11.30 am	Dr Gavin Mudd (sub no. 27)
1.00 pm	Friends of the Earth – Australia (sub no. 52)
1.45 pm	Australian Conservation Foundation (sub no. 48)
2.45 pm	Uranium Information Centre (sub no. 12)
3.30 pm	Heathgate Resources Pty Ltd (sub no. 49)
4.15 pm	<i>Close of public hearing</i>

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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