



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage

MEDIA ALERT

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Public Hearing - Thursday 6 March - Canberra

Greening Australia to discuss Green Corps at Inquiry into Employment in the Environment Sector

The CEO of Greening Australia, Mr Carl Binning, will appear tomorrow at a public hearing of the House of Representatives Environment Committee's inquiry into employment in the environment sector.

Greening Australia Limited, in partnership with Job Futures, has secured the **Green Corps** contract to provide mentoring and training for young people interested in working in the environment sector.

Greening Australia Limited also runs a **Farm Forestry Program** and a **Bushcare Support Network** which assist communities to develop the skills for sustainable land management.

This will be the seventh public hearing of the inquiry, which is examining the current contribution of environmental goods and services to employment in Australia, and the potential for future growth. In particular, the Committee is interested in examining how **federal policy** can assist future growth to be achieved.

The Committee is also interested in ensuring that Australia has an **appropriately skilled workforce** to service environmental needs, and in examining possible **information and reporting systems** that would boost the uptake of environmental goods and services, enhance overall business performance, and assist development of the sector.

Public Hearing, Thursday 6 March 2002

Who: Greening Australia at inquiry into environmental employment
Where: Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra
When: Thursday, 6 March, 11.00 am – 12.00 noon

The House Environment Committee will hold further public hearings around Australia during 2003.

Background: Environmental goods and services can be broadly interpreted to include activities such as production of pollution reduction equipment, employment of environmental consultants and workers in the public sector involved in national park management, as well as provision of services in related activities such as tourism, and conservation and environmental management in agriculture, mining and manufacturing.

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