



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE,
WATER, ENVIRONMENT AND THE ARTS

Inquiry into the Australian coastal zone

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Climate Change Committee to hear from Insurance Council of Australia

The House of Representatives Climate Change, Water, Environment and the Arts Committee will hear from the Insurance Council of Australia at a public hearing in Canberra on 4 June 2009 as part of its inquiry into climate change and environmental impacts on Australia's coastal zone.

"The Insurance Council of Australia's submission notes that 'the potential impacts on the Australian community arising from sea level rise when combined with the current exposures to inland flooding are likely to be significant,'" said Committee Chair Ms George MP.

"The Committee will be interested to discuss insurance arrangements in light of predicted extreme weather and sea-level events, and the implications for coastal economies."

The inquiry is examining climate change risk analysis and appropriate strategies for climate change adaptation. The Committee is also looking at ways to promote sustainable and resilient coastal communities, as well as improving governance and institutional arrangements for Australia's coastal zone.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the hearing, which will also be webcast (audio only) on the Parliament House website at: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting>.

Public hearing schedule on 4 June 2009

Venue: Committee Room 1R4, Parliament House, Canberra

10.45am Insurance Council of Australia

Further details on the inquiry can be obtained from the Committee's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/ccwea>.

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