



Public Hearing in Canberra

The science and application of geosequestration

Greenpeace Australia Pacific will present its views on the science and application of geosequestration as an option for controlling greenhouse gas emissions at a public hearing to be held in Canberra on Monday 16 October. The public hearing is the fourth for the current inquiry by House of Representatives Science and Innovation Committee.

It is expected that the hearing will consider significant reservations that Greenpeace Australia Pacific has expressed with regard to geosequestration as a climate control measure. Particular concerns are that the technology is too costly, incapable of achieving significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and inherently risky, both economically and environmentally.

The hearing will also consider the potential for a reliance on geosequestration to detract from the development of other low or zero emission technologies and issues associated with liability for the long-term geological storage of carbon dioxide.

The Minister for Education, Science and Training, Julie Bishop, has requested that the Committee inquire into and report on the science and application of geosequestration technology in Australia, with particular reference to:

- The science underpinning geosequestration technology;
- The potential environmental and economic benefits and risks of such technology;
- The skill base in Australia to advance the science of geosequestration technology;
- Regulatory and approval issues governing geosequestration technology and trials; and
- How to best position Australian industry to capture possible market applications.

Venue: Committee Room 2R2, Parliament House, Canberra
Date: Monday 16 October 2006
4:35 pm Greenpeace Australia Pacific
6:00 pm Hearings close

The public hearing will be broadcast internally (audio only) on HMS radio frequency 98.7. Further details, including the terms of reference, membership of the Committee and advice on making submissions can be obtained on the Committee's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/scin/geosequestration/index.htm> or by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4150 or emailing scin.reps@aph.gov.au

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