



ERA and the Northern Land Council to attend uranium inquiry hearing

Darwin public hearing, 24 October 2005

Energy Resources of Australia Ltd (ERA), owners of the Ranger uranium mine and the neighbouring Jabiluka mineral lease, together with the Northern Land Council will be among the witnesses attending next Monday's public hearing in Darwin 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.

ERA is the world's third largest uranium producer, supplying 11% of world uranium production. In 2004, Ranger produced a record 5,137 tonnes of uranium oxide, which was sold to energy utilities in Japan, South Korea, Europe and the USA. The undeveloped Jabiluka deposit, which lies 20 kilometres to the north of Ranger, is one of the largest high grade uranium deposits in the world.

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:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/isr/uranium/subs.htm>

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE

Venue: Litchfield Room, Parliament House, State Square, Darwin

2.30 pm	Environment Centre of the Northern Territory (sub no. 28)
3.15 pm	Northern Land Council
4.15 pm	Northern Territory Minerals Council (sub no. 51)
5.00 pm	Energy Resources of Australia Ltd (sub no. 46)
5.45 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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