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Terms of reference

Sustainability Charter inquiry

On 12 September 2005 the House of Representatives Standing Committee tabled the *Sustainable Cities* report. The committee called for the development of a Sustainability Charter based on measurable outcomes, over a certain period, with intermediate milestones.

The charter should be aspirational. It must provide targets for the Australian community to meet and, once those targets have been met they must be re-assessed so new targets can be put in place.

The Committee is now inquiring into and will report on key elements of a sustainability charter and identify the most important and achievable targets, particularly in relation to:

1. The built environment;
2. Water;
3. Energy;
4. Transport; and
5. Ecological footprint.

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As part of the inquiry, the committee also resolved to inquire into the Auditor-General's report on Green Office Procurement (number 22 of 2005-2006), tabled in the House of Representatives on 7 February 2006. This resolution was made in accordance with standing order 215, which provides for a standing committee to inquire into reports of the Auditor-General presented to the House.



List of abbreviations

ANAO	Australian National Audit Office
CAC	<i>Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997</i>
CEI	Chief Executive Instructions
DEH	Department of the Environment and Heritage
EMS	Environmental Management System
ESD	Ecologically Sustainable Development
FMA	<i>Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997</i>
TBL	Triple bottom line

