



## Northern Australia Inquiry going to Perth

The Australian Parliament's Northern Australia Committee will hold a public hearing in Perth on Monday 7 April, between 8.45am 5.00 pm. The venue for the hearing is the WA Parliament's Committee Room 2, Level 1, Harvest Terrace.

A range of witnesses will appear before the Committee, including the Vice Chancellor of the University of Notre Dame, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Pastoralists and Graziers Association, and former Governor-General Major-General Mike Jeffery.

The Committee will hear about the Water Project, a proposal to take water from the Kimberley to support the mining industry in the Pilbara, Mid-West and Goldfields; and Mobile LNG, a proposal to transform Liquified Natural Gas into a viable alternative to diesel fuel. The Committee will also hear from representatives of the community in Newman. In the afternoon, the Committee will conduct a short roundtable with representatives of the resources sector.

Other witnesses include:

- Ms Gemma Green, a researcher from Curtin University
- TFS Corporation, a major sandalwood producer
- Australians for Northern Development & Economic Vision

Details of the program for each day is available on the Committee's website at [www.aph.gov.au/jscna](http://www.aph.gov.au/jscna)

Committee Chair, the Hon Warren Entsch MP, noted that the Perth hearing was an opportunity to meet with a range of people and organisations with a stake in the future of Northern Australia. "The future of northern Australia is intimately tied to the future prosperity of the entire nation. Nowhere is that more apparent than in Western Australia, where the mineral wealth of the north has been the engine of economic development across the entire State," he stated.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS—Perth, 7 April 2014**

**WHERE:** Committee Room 2, Level 1, Harvest Terrace (across the road from Parliament House on the corner of Harvest and Hay Streets)

**WHEN:** Monday 7 April 2014, 8.45am–5.00pm

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