



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Standing Committee on Primary Industries and Resources  
Inquiry into Australian farmers and climate change

**MEDIA ALERT**

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# Farming the Future

## - Media Conference next Tuesday -

The House of Representatives Primary Industries and Resources Committee will unveil its proposals to assist Australian farmers in adapting to climate change when it releases its report, **Farming the Future: the role of government in assisting Australian farmers to adapt to the impacts of climate change**, next Monday night (15 March) at **8:40pm**.

The report addresses a range of issues surrounding the adaptation of our agricultural industries to the impacts of climate change, especially the range of innovations already being undertaken in response to climate variability. It also examines the importance of soil carbon to our farming future, the need to address social and attitudinal factors as well as economic and environmental ones, and the importance of supporting local and community level organisations in helping farming communities adapt and become more resilient. The report will address the role of government in supporting research into climate change adaptations.

The **Farming the Future** report will be made available on the committee website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pir/australianfarmers/report.htm> after the Monday night tabling in Parliament and before a media conference at **8:30am** on **Tuesday 16 March** in Committee Room 1R1.

Members of the House of Representatives Primary Industries and Resources Committee will hold a media conference at **8.30am** on **16 March** in committee room **1R1**, Parliament House, Canberra.

The media conference will be broadcast live on <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

Limited copies of the report (**embargoed** until tabling) will be available to the media from 2pm Monday 15 March from the Committee Secretariat in R1.121.

**For media comment** please contact the office of committee chair, **Dick Adams**, on **(02) 6277 4293** or mobile **0418 132 828** or email [D.Adams.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:D.Adams.MP@aph.gov.au)

For more detail on the inquiry and the report, please contact:

The House Primary Industries and Resources Committee Secretariat in **R1.121** or on **(02) 6277 4500** or visit the inquiry website at: <http://www.aph.gov.au/pir>

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