



MEDIA ALERT

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ECONOMICS,
FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**
Manufacturing Inquiry

*Chair: Hon Bruce Baird MP
Deputy Chair: Ms Sharon Bird MP*

Economics Committee to discuss 21st century manufacturing frontiers in Melbourne

The House of Representatives Economics Committee will hold a public hearing in Melbourne tomorrow as part of its inquiry into the state of Australia's manufactured export and import competing base now and beyond the resources boom.

This hearing focuses on exciting new technologies which have started to impact the face of Australian manufacturing. Nanotechnology, research and development centres of excellence and venture capital issues facing start-up manufacturers are some of the topics to be explored.

Details of the hearing are as follows:

Committee House of Representatives Economics Committee

Venue Victorian Parliamentary Offices
Committee Rooms 2 and 3
Level 8
35 Spring Street MELBOURNE

Date Thursday, 15 March 2007

Time 10.30am to 2.45pm

The program for the hearing is as follows:

10.30am Nanotechnology Victoria
11.15am Starpharma Holdings Ltd
1.15pm NEC Australia
1.45pm Associate Professor Stephen Barkoczy, Monash University
2.15pm The Australian Synchrotron
2.45pm Adjourn

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