



Inquiry into meteorological forecasting Public hearing in Perth

The House of Representatives Industry, Science and Innovation Committee will conduct a public hearing for its inquiry into long-term meteorological forecasting in Australia, on **Monday 13 July** in Perth.

Appearing at the public hearing will be the Western Australian Farmers Federation, who will discuss the need for the delivery of an effective and timely support and information package which facilitates farmers' capacity to manage their land in a profitable and sustainable manner.

Also appearing at the hearing will be the Fire and Emergency Services Authority who will discuss emergency prevention and preparation strategies, and the Department of Environment and Conservation, who will discuss the Indian Ocean Climate Initiative and season predictability.

The inquiry into long-term meteorological forecasting is examining the efficacy of current climate modelling methods and techniques and long-term meteorological prediction systems and the impact of accurate measurement of inter-seasonal climate variability on decision-making processes for sectors such as agricultural production

PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM Monday 13 July 2009 – 9.15am to 11.45am Committee Room 2, Ground Floor, 18-32 Parliament Place, Perth

9.15am-10.00am Western Australian Farmers Federation (sub. 26)

10.15am-11.00am Fire and Emergency Services Authority (WA) (sub. 29)

11.00am-11.45am Department of Environment and Conservation (sub. 31)

Further details, including the full terms of reference, membership of the committee and advice on making submissions can be obtained on the committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/isi.

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