



THE SENATE
Select Committee on Agricultural and Related Industries

Inquiry into the Incidence and Severity of Bushfires Across Australia
Friday, 12 March 2010

Committee Room 2S3 – Parliament House – Canberra

HEARING PROGRAM

Time	Witness	Submission
8.30 am	The Hon. Gary Nairn Former Chair, House of Representatives Select Committee on the Recent Australian Bushfires	35
9.00 am	Mr Phil Cheney Former CSIRO fire researcher Dr Andrew Sullivan CSIRO	15
9.45 am	Attorney-General's Department (including EMA) Mr Tony Pearce, Director General, Emergency Management Australia	38
10.30 am	Morning Tea Break	
10.45 am	Professor Peter Kanowski Professor of Forestry, Fenner School of Environment and Society, Australian National University	
11.30 am	Volunteer Firefighters Association of NSW Mr Peter Cannon, President VFFA, Group Captain Mid Lachlan Zone, Forbes (40 years in RFS) Mr Brian Williams, Vice President of VFFA, Captain of Kurrajong Heights Zone, Leader of Hawkesbury Remote Area Firefighting Team (42 years in RFS) Mr Michael Scholz, Captain in RFS (33 years in RFS) Mr Andrew Scholz, Deputy Captain in RFS (33 years in RFS)	46
12.15 pm	Nature Conservation Council (Via Teleconference) Mrs Anne Reeves, Member, NCCNSW Executive Committee and Member, NCC Bushfire Advisory Committee Ms Sally Hunt, Project Coordinator, Hotspots Fire Project Ms Waminda Parker, Project Strategist, Hotspots Fire Project	8/22
1.00 pm	Lunch Break	

1.45 pm	Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts Mr Gerard Early, Deputy Secretary (DEWHA) Mr Alasdair Hainsworth, Bureau of Meteorology Mr Graham Mills, Bureau of Meteorology	45
2.30 pm	NSW Rural Fire Service Association Mr Peter Olah, Executive Director Mr Brian McKinlay, President Mr Trevor Anderson, Policy Manager	36
3.15 pm	Dr Christine Finlay	2
4.00 pm	<i>Adjournment of Hearing</i>	