



Inquiry into meteorological forecasting Public hearing in Adelaide

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 **Tuesday 14 July** in Adelaide.

Appearing at the public hearing will be the South Australian Farmers Federation and the South Australian Water Corporation. The SA Farmers Federation will discuss the need for accurate, reliable and regular weather information, which will allow farmers to plan their farming activities on a weekly, monthly, seasonal and yearly basis. The Engineering Functional Service (South Australian Water Corporation) undertakes a statutory emergency management role in South Australia and will discuss the role of forecasting in emergency planning and response.

Also appearing at the hearing will be Mr Keith Potts who will be discussing the effects of continental scale particulate plumes on regional climates, and Mr Geoffrey Carpenter who will discuss alternatives to Bureau of Meteorology forecasting products.

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 Tuesday 14 July 2009 – 8.30am to 11.45am Old Chamber Conference Room, Level 1, Parliament House, North Terrace, Adelaide

- 8.30am-9.15am South Australian Water Corporation (sub. 6)**
- 9.15am-10.00am South Australian Farmers Federation (sub. 8)**
- 10.15am-11.00am Mr Keith Potts (sub. 17)**
- 11.00am-11.45am Mr Geoffrey Carpenter (sub. 28)**

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.

For media comment: contact the Committee Chair, Ms Maria Vamvakinou, on 0417 541 465.

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