



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Standing Committee on Primary Industries and Resources
Inquiry into the future development of the
Australian honey bee industry**

MEDIA ALERT

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Chair: Hon Dick Adams MP
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More Than Honey

- Media Conference next Tuesday -

The House of Representatives Primary Industries and Resources Committee will unveil proposals to reinvigorate the Australian honey bee and pollination industries when it releases its report, **More Than Honey: the future of the Australian honey bee and pollination industries**, next Monday night (16 June) at **8:30pm**.

The report addresses concerns about the increasing challenges facing the industry and pollination dependent industries in the face of biosecurity threats, such as the bee mite **Varroa destructor**, declining access to floral resources, and the economic challenges facing the industry. The report also addresses the research and training needs of the industry that plays a key role for Australia's multi-billion dollar agricultural sector.

The **More Than Honey** report will be made available on the committee website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/pir/honeybee/report.htm> after the Monday night tabling in Parliament and before a media conference at **8:45am** on **Tuesday 17 June**.

Members of the House of Representatives Primary Industries and Resources Committee will hold a media conference at **8.45am** on **17 June** in committee room **2R2**, Parliament House, Canberra.

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

For media comment please contact the office of committee chair, **Dick Adams**, on **(02) 6277 4293** or mobile **0418 132 828** or email Dick.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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