



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Standing Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**  
**Inquiry into rural skills training and research**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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Chair: Alby Schultz MP  
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# Investigating rural skills in Victoria

## ***Committee Public Hearings in Melbourne (14 Nov) and Geelong (15 Nov)***

The House of Representatives Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Committee will be holding public hearings in Melbourne (14 November) and Geelong (15 November) in relation to its inquiry into rural skills training and research.

The Melbourne hearings will take place **from 9.00 am** in the **Monash Conference Centre, Level 7 30 Collins Street**.

The committee will hear from witnesses such as Primary Skills Victoria, La Trobe and Melbourne universities and Australian Dairy Farmers. Further details can be found on the web at:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/primind/ruralskills/hearings.htm>

The Geelong hearings will take place **from 10.45 am** in the **Beggs Centre, Marcus Oldham College, 145 Pigdons Road, Waurn Ponds**.

The committee will hear from witnesses including Marcus Oldham College, a group of staff and students from RMIT Hamilton and Rural Industries Skills Training Inc. Further details can be found on the web at:

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Witnesses will brief the committee on a diverse range of topics and issues from Rimfire Resources' Agribusiness Grad Link program to the priority need for management training in agriculture as outlined in the submission by the National Agriculture Training Provider Network.

The committee chair, Alby Schultz (Member for Hume, NSW), said "our hearings in Victoria will give Committee members an important opportunity to hear from, amongst others, universities, the dairy industry and, importantly, from some students of agriculture".

Further details about the inquiry, including terms of reference and submissions, can be obtained from the committee's website at:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/primind/reports.htm> or by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4500 or emailing [Aff.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:Aff.reps@aph.gov.au).

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