

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY**

Inquiry into agricultural innovation

*Chair: Mr Rowan Ramsey MP
Deputy Chair: Ms Clare O'Neil MP*

Public hearing for inquiry into agricultural innovation

The House of Representatives Agriculture and Industry Committee will conduct a public hearing tomorrow for the inquiry into agricultural innovation.

Appearing at the hearing will be representatives from the Council of Rural Research and Development Corporations.

Committee Chair, Rowan Ramsey MP, said "This inquiry has heard strong praise for the Research and Development Corporations, which are a unique and important feature of Australian agriculture. The Committee has also heard that the way we innovate in agriculture is set to change over time. The future of agricultural research, development and extension will be more complex, with a greater focus on cross-sectoral issues, and more collaborative, with a greater role for the private sector, farmers and other stakeholders.

"The Committee is keen to hear from the Council about how its members are preparing to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the future, while maintaining their proud legacy of past performance."

The hearing will be held in Committee Room 1R1, Parliament House, Canberra:

Thursday, 25 February 2016

12.15 pm (approx.)	Council of Rural Research and Development Corporations (<i>Submission 90</i>)
1.30 pm	close

The public hearing will be webcast live at:

http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament

Further details about the inquiry, including submissions received and the terms of reference, can be obtained from the Committee's website at: www.aph.gov.au/agind.

For media comment please contact the Committee Chair, Mr Rowan Ramsey, on (02) 6277 4967 (Parliament House) and (08) 8645 4255.

For further information please contact the secretariat on (02) 6277 4500, email agind.reps@aph.gov.au or visit the Committee's webpage at www.aph.gov.au/agind