

**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*

Agricultural innovation inquiry to wrap up in Sydney

On Thursday this week, the House of Representatives Agriculture and Industry Committee will travel to Sydney to conduct a public hearing for its inquiry into agricultural innovation. The Committee will hear from a range of stakeholders, including representatives from universities, industry, and farming peak bodies.

The Committee will also take the opportunity to visit the Australian Centre for Field Robotics, at the University of Sydney.

Committee Chair, Rowan Ramsey MP, said, "We've heard throughout our inquiry that automation is going to have a significant role in the farms of the future. We look forward to seeing firsthand some of the projects at the Australian Centre of Field Robotics, including research and development into robotics and intelligent systems that could have very important applications in agriculture."

Thursday's public hearing will be the final hearing for the inquiry.

The hearing will be held in The Refectory, Level 5 of the Abercrombie Building, at the corner of Abercrombie Street and Codrington Street, University of Sydney:

Thursday, 14 April 2016

10.00 am	Australian Farm Institute (<i>Submission 85</i>)
10.30 am	Ag Institute Australia (<i>Submission 73</i>)
11.00 am	NSW Farmers (<i>Submission 45</i>)
11.45 am	The University of Sydney (<i>Submission 40</i>)
12.15 pm	Australian Centre for Field Robotics (<i>Submission 94</i>) Dr Lindsay Campbell (<i>Submission 31</i>) United States Studies Centre (<i>Submission 39</i>) The Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering (<i>Submission 43</i>)
2.15 pm	Professor Brian Orr (<i>Submission 30</i>)
2.45 pm	John Deere
3.15 pm	NNNCo Pty Ltd (<i>Submission 34</i>)
3.45 pm	Dr Aharon Arakel (<i>Submission 77</i>)

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