Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

The committee met on Monday, 13 February 2012 from 9.03 am to 10.50 pm.

The committee called the:

- department and agencies of the Climate Change and Energy Efficiency portfolio, including the Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator and Low Carbon Australia Limited.
- department and some agencies of the Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities portfolio, including the Bureau of Meteorology, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and the Director of National Parks.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- appointment and remuneration of the Clean Energy Regulator and the Climate Change Authority board
- comparisons between the Australian carbon pricing mechanism and that of other jurisdictions
- expenditure and decisions relating to the promotion of the Government's Clean Energy Future legislation
- debt recovery under the home insulation and green loans programs, and investigations and prosecutions relating to the home insulation program
- the cost of the Australian Government delegation to the Durban climate change conference, and the outcomes of the conference
- dredging in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.