

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

The committee met on Tuesday, 12 February 2013 from 9.03 am to 11.00 pm.

The committee called the:

- the department and agencies of the Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities portfolio, including the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office and the National Water Commission
- the department and agencies of the Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy portfolio, including Australia Post, the Special Broadcasting Service, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) and NBN Co.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- inclusion of the Indigenous values of the Tarkine in Tasmania's North West on the National Heritage List
- steps being taken to reduce mobile roaming rates
- advice issued by the ACMA about election advertising and advice sought about the commencement of the election period under the definition in the Broadcasting Services Act
- overall cost per premise for connections under the National Broadband Network.