

APPENDIX A

CONDUCT OF THE INQUIRY

After discussions with representatives of Pedder 2000 the Committee decided to conduct an inquiry into the proposal to drain and restore Lake Pedder. The Minister for the Environment, Sport and Territories agreed to the inquiry and its terms of reference on 8 December 1994.

On 17 December 1994 the Committee placed newspaper advertisements which called for submissions. It also circulated a press release and wrote to individuals and organisations that might have had an interest in the subject.

The Committee inspected the new Lake Pedder and the Gordon River Power Development on 20 February and held a public hearing in Hobart on 21 February 1995. Further public hearings were held in Canberra, on 27 March and 8 May, and in Hobart on 6-7 April 1995.

In March the Committee agreed that it would be appropriate for two supplementary members to be nominated as members of the Committee for the purpose of the Lake Pedder inquiry. Two additional members, who were nominated by the Chief Whips, joined the Committee on 9 March.

The Committee received 171 submissions to the inquiry as well as 25 exhibits. The submissions, witnesses and exhibits are listed in the Appendixes.