

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

The committee met on Monday, 27 May 2013 from 9.00 am to 9.38 pm.

The committee called the:

- department and agencies of the Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education portfolio, including the Clean Energy Regulator and the Climate Change Authority
- department and agencies of the Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities portfolio, including the Bureau of Meteorology, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, the Director of National Parks and the Land Sector Taskforce.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- the absorption of former Climate Change and Energy Efficiency portfolio staff into the Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education and the Resources, Energy and Tourism portfolios
- numbers of redundancies
- attendance of climate commissioners at estimates hearings
- liability of local councils to pay carbon tax on emissions from waste facilities/landfill sites.