

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

The committee met on Tuesday, 27 May 2014 from 9 am to 9.31 pm.

The committee called the department and agencies of the Environment portfolio, including the Office of the Supervising Scientist, the Director of National Parks, the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, the Climate Change Authority and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA).

Among other issues, the following issues were discussed:

- the conservation of Australia's heritage and the environment
- environmental regulations and the management of hazardous substances
- carbon pollution reduction and land sector initiatives
- staffing within the Office of the Supervising Scientist
- the ongoing rehabilitation of the Ranger uranium mine site
- corporate efficiencies within the agency of the Director of National Parks
- national parks and tourism
- the World Parks Congress
- development around Sydney Harbour
- staffing at, and the winding-up of, the Climate Change Authority
- the Carbon Farming Initiative
- the state of health of the Great Barrier Reef
- major new initiatives and voluntary redundancies at the GBRMPA
- the development at Abbot Point
- the impact of climate change.