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Senator Whish-Wilson asked:

What is the formal nomination process for the Chair and Alternate Chair of the National Environment Council?

Answer:

The process for appointment of the Chairperson of the National Environment Protection Council is set out in the *National Environment Protection Council Act 1994*. Section 9 (1) of the Act states the Council consists of the following members: (a) a Minister of the Commonwealth who is nominated by the Prime Minister. Section 10 states that the member referred to in paragraph 9 (1) (a) is the Chairperson of the Council.

Section 11 (1) of the Act states the Prime Minister may nominate a Minister to be the deputy of the Minister nominated under Section 9.