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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS

Chair: Mr Craig Thomson MP

## Extension for submissions to the inquiry into Indigenous economic development in Queensland

The House of Representatives Economics Committee is continuing its inquiry into Indigenous economic development in Queensland and review of the Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2010.

The Committee is examining the full range of issues affecting Indigenous economic development in Queensland including the operation of environmental and industry regulation.

"The Committee is, of course, well aware of the natural disaster that has befallen Queensland. Our thoughts go out to the communities that have been affected by these unprecedented floods" said the Chair of the Committee, Craig Thomson (Member for Dobell, NSW).

Given Queensland's current circumstances, and that many involved in this inquiry are suffering hardship, the Committee has extended the closing date for submissions.

Submissions were due by Friday 28 January 2011, but **this is now extended until Friday 18 February.** Further extensions beyond this date can be negotiated with the Committee secretariat.

Further public hearings are now expected to be held in Queensland during the week beginning **7 March 2011**. The Committee strongly encourages those who wish to participate in hearings to contact the Committee secretariat to register their interest. The secretariat will also be happy to provide further information about the inquiry and the submission and hearings process.

Submissions addressing the terms of reference should be emailed to <u>economics.reps@aph.gov.au</u> or sent to:

The Committee Secretary House of Representatives Standing Committee on Economics PO Box 6021 Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Further details about the inquiry, including the terms of reference and advice on how to make a submission, can be obtained from the committee's website at <u>www.aph.gov.au/economics</u>.

**For further information:** please contact the Committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4587 or email <u>economics.reps@aph.gov.au</u>.