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## HEARING PROGRAM

### **Additional Estimates 2021–22**

### **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**

Monday, 14 February – Tuesday, 15 February 2022

**Committee Room 2S3**, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only



#### **Hearing location**

Committee Room 2S3,  
Parliament House, Canberra  
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Waiting overflow room: Committee Room 1R3



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Senator Andrew Bragg, Chair  
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Deputy Chair  
Senator Nita Green  
Senator Anthony Chisholm  
Senator Greg Mirabella  
Senator Sam McMahon

#### **Ministers attending**

Senator the Hon Zed Seselja  
Senator the Hon Jane Hume

#### **Secretariat**

Stephen Palethorpe, Committee Secretary  
James Dawson, Estimates Officer

## Monday, 14 February

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### Industry, Science, Energy and Resources portfolio, excluding industry, science and resources

<b>9.00am</b> (15 mins)	<b>Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources</b> General questions
<b>9.15am</b> (60 mins)	<b>Outcome 2: Reduce Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions, contribute to effective global action on climate change, and support technological innovation in clean and renewable energy, through developing and implementing a national response to climate change</b>  Program 2.1: Reducing Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions
<b>10.15am</b> (60 mins)	<b>Outcome 2: Reduce Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions, contribute to effective global action on climate change, and support technological innovation in clean and renewable energy, through developing and implementing a national response to climate change</b>  Program 2.2: Developing clean energy technology
<b>11.15am</b>	Morning tea
<b>11.30am</b> (60 mins)	<b>Outcome 3: Support the affordable, reliable, secure and competitive operation of energy markets for the long term benefit of the Australian community through improving Australia’s energy supply, efficiency, quality, performance and productivity</b>  Program 3.1: Supporting reliable, secure and affordable energy
<b>12.30pm</b> (30 mins)	<b>Climate Change Authority</b>
<b>1.00pm</b>	Lunch break
<b>2.00pm</b> (30 mins)	<b>Snowy Hydro Limited</b>
<b>2.30pm</b> (15 mins)	<b>Australian Renewable Energy Agency</b>
<b>2.45pm</b> (30 mins)	<b>Clean Energy Regulator</b>

## Agriculture, Water and the Environment portfolio, excluding agriculture and water

<b>3.15pm</b> (15 mins)	<b>Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment</b> General questions
<b>3.30pm</b> (60 mins)	<b>Outcome 1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia’s biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas, and reducing and regulating the use of pollutants and hazardous substances, and coordination of climate change adaptation strategy and climate change science activities.</b> Program 1.1: Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and the Environment (funding), including the Office of Threatened Species Commissioner
<b>4.30pm</b>	Afternoon tea
<b>4.45pm</b> (15 mins)	<b>Threatened Species Scientific Committee</b> Professor Helene Marsh, Chair (via videoconference)
<b>5.00pm</b> (45 mins)	<b>Outcome 1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia’s biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas, and reducing and regulating the use of pollutants and hazardous substances, and coordination of climate change adaptation strategy and climate change science activities.</b> Program 1.4: Conservation of Australia’s Heritage and Environment (regulation)
<b>5:45pm</b> (45 mins)	<b>Bureau of Meteorology</b> (via videoconference)
<b>6.30pm</b>	Dinner break
<b>7.30pm</b> (30 mins)	<b>Outcome 1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia’s biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas, and reducing and regulating the use of pollutants and hazardous substances, and coordination of climate change adaptation strategy and climate change science activities.</b> Program 1.2: Environmental Information and Research
<b>8.00pm</b> (45 mins)	<b>Outcome 1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia’s biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas, and reducing and regulating the use of pollutants and hazardous substances, and coordination of climate change adaptation strategy and climate change science activities.</b> Program 1.5: Environmental Regulation
<b>8.45pm</b> (45 mins)	<b>Outcome 1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia’s biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas, and reducing and regulating the use of pollutants and hazardous substances, and coordination of climate change adaptation strategy and climate change science activities.</b> Program 1.6: Management of Hazardous Wastes, Substances and Pollutants
<b>9.30pm</b>	Tea break

<p><b>9.45pm</b> (15 mins)</p>	<p><b>Outcome 2: Advance Australia’s strategic, scientific, environmental and economic interests in the Antarctic region by protecting, administering and researching the region.</b> Program 2.1: Antarctica: Science, Policy and Presence (via videoconference) Australian Antarctic Division (via videoconference)</p>
<p><b>10.00pm</b> (30 mins)</p>	<p><b>Director of National Parks</b> (interstate witnesses via videoconference)</p>
<p><b>10.30pm</b> (30 mins)</p>	<p><b>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</b> (via videoconference)</p>
<p><b>11.00pm</b></p>	<p>Adjournment</p>

Tuesday, 15 February

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications portfolio, excluding infrastructure, transport and regional development

<p><b>9.00am</b> (45 mins)</p>	<p>Australian Postal Corporation</p>
<p><b>9.45am</b> (60 mins)</p>	<p>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</p> <p>General questions</p>
<p><b>10.45am</b></p>	<p>Morning tea</p>
<p><b>11.00am</b> (60 mins)</p>	<p>Office of the eSafety Commissioner</p>
<p><b>12.00pm</b> (45 mins)</p>	<p>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</p> <p><b>Outcome 6: Participation in, and access to, Australia’s arts and culture through developing and supporting cultural expression</b></p> <p>Program 6.1: Arts and Cultural Development</p>
<p><b>12.45pm</b> (15 mins)</p>	<p>Australia Council</p>
<p><b>1.00pm</b> (30 mins)</p>	<p>Screen Australia</p>
<p><b>1.30pm</b></p>	<p>Lunch break</p>
<p><b>2.30pm</b> (120 mins)</p>	<p>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</p> <p><b>Outcome 5: Promote an innovative and competitive communications sector, through policy development, advice and program delivery, so all Australians can realise the full potential of digital technologies and communications services</b></p> <p>Program 5.1: Digital Technologies and Communications Services</p>
<p><b>4.30pm</b></p>	<p>Afternoon tea</p>
<p><b>4.45pm</b> (30 mins)</p>	<p>Special Broadcasting Service Corporation</p>

<b>5.15pm</b> (60 mins)	<b>Australian Communications and Media Authority</b>
<b>6.15pm</b>	Dinner break
<b>7.15pm</b> (120 mins)	<b>Australian Broadcasting Corporation</b>
<b>9.15pm</b>	Tea break
<b>9.30pm</b> (90 mins)	<b>NBNCo</b>
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment