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## HEARING PROGRAM

### **Additional Estimates 2023–24**

#### Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Monday 12 February, Tuesday 13 February and Friday 16 February 2024

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

Times listed are indicative only



#### **Hearing location**

Committee Room 2S3,  
Parliament House, Canberra  
Waiting room: Committee Room 1S4



#### **Committee members**

Senator Karen Grogan, Chair  
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Deputy Chair  
Senator Catryna Bilyk  
Senator Ross Cadell  
Senator Hollie Hughes  
Senator Fatima Payman



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#### **Ministers attending**

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Senator the Hon Carol Brown



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Monday, 12 February

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## Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

9.00am	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Corporate matters and general questions
9.30am	<b>Outcome 1: Support the transition of Australia's economy to net-zero emissions by 2050; transition energy to support net zero while maintaining security, reliability and affordability; support actions to promote adaptation and strengthen resilience of Australia's economy, society and environment; and take a leadership role internationally in responding to climate change.</b> Program 1.1: Reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions
10.20am	<b>Outcome 1: Continued</b> Program 1.2: Support reliable, secure and affordable energy
10.50am	Morning tea
11.05am	<b>Outcome 1: Continued</b> Program 1.2: Support reliable, secure and affordable energy
12.05pm	Australian Renewable Energy Agency
12.25pm	Clean Energy Finance Corporation
12.45pm	Lunch
1.45pm	Climate Change Authority
2.10pm	Snowy Hydro Limited
2.50pm	Clean Energy Regulator
3.20pm	Australian Energy Regulator
3.50pm	Afternoon tea
4.05pm	Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner
4.25pm	Offshore Infrastructure Regulator & Offshore Infrastructure Registrar

<b>4.45pm</b>	<p><b>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 2: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage our natural resources including through a nature positive approach; protect and conserve our natural and cultural heritage; reduce and regulate the use of pollutants and hazardous substances; and take a leadership role on these issues internationally.</b></p> <p>Program 2.1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia's environment through a nature positive approach, including the Office of the Threatened Species Commissioner and the Supervising Scientist</p>
<b>6.20pm</b>	Dinner
<b>7.20pm</b>	<p><b>Outcome 2: Continued</b></p> <p>Program 2.2: Protect Australia's cultural, historic and First Nations heritage</p>
<b>7.55pm</b>	<p><b>Outcome 2: Continued</b></p> <p>Program 2.3: Accelerate the transition to a circular economy, while safely managing pollutants and hazardous substances</p>
<b>8.10pm</b>	<b>Bureau of Meteorology</b>
<b>9.00pm</b>	<b>Threatened Species Scientific Committee</b>
<b>9.30pm</b>	Evening tea
<b>9.45pm</b>	<b>Australian Institute of Marine Science</b>
<b>10.10pm</b>	<b>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</b>
<b>10.30pm</b>	<p><b>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 3: Advance Australia's environmental, scientific, strategic and economic interests in the Antarctic region by protecting, researching and administering in the region, including through international engagement.</b></p> <p>Program 3.1: Contribute to Australia's national Antarctic interests through science, environmental management and international engagement, including delivering Australia's scientific research and operations in Antarctica and the Southern Ocean</p>
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment

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Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development,  
Communications and the Arts, excluding Infrastructure,  
Transport and Regional Development

<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</b> Corporate matters and general questions
<b>9.15am</b>	<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> Program 5.1 – Digital Technologies and Communications Services
<b>10.45am</b>	Morning tea
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Australian Broadcasting Corporation</b>
<b>11.50am</b>	Lunch
<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Australian Broadcasting Corporation</b>
<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Special Broadcasting Service Corporation</b> Appearing via videoconference
<b>2.50pm</b>	<b>Australian Communications and Media Authority</b>
<b>4.15pm</b>	Afternoon tea
<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Australian Postal Corporation</b>
<b>5.15pm</b>	<b>Office of the eSafety Commissioner</b>
<b>6.30pm</b>	Dinner
<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>NBN Co Limited</b>

<b>8.15pm</b>	<b>Classification Board</b>
<b>8.30pm</b>	<b>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</b> <b>Outcome 6: Participation in, and access to, Australia’s arts and culture through developing and supporting cultural expression</b> Program 6.1 – Arts and Cultural Development
<b>9.15pm</b>	Evening tea
<b>9.30pm</b>	<b>Outcome 6: Continued</b> Program 6.1 – Arts and Cultural Development
<b>10.00pm</b>	<b>Creative Australia</b> Appearing via videoconference
<b>10.30pm</b>	<b>Screen Australia</b>
<b>10.50pm</b>	<b>National Museum of Australia</b>
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment