



THE SENATE

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Standards and Assurance) Bill 2021

**PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday 4 May 2021**

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

Time	Witness
9.00 am	<p>Business Council of Australia (via videoconference) (Submission 1) Ms Jennifer Westacott AO, Chief Executive Ms Jessica Wilson, Executive Director, Policy</p> <p>Property Council of Australia (via videoconference) (Submission 2) Mr Mike Zorbas, Executive Director Policy and Advocacy Mr Darren Walsh, National Councillor- Urban Development Institute of Australia Mr Murray Saunders, Member</p> <p>National Farmers Federation (Submission 3) Mr Tony Mahar, Chief Executive Officer Mr Warwick Ragg, General Manager, Natural Resource Management</p>
9.50 am	<p>Threatened Species Recovery Hub (Submission 4) Professor Brendan Wintle, Director</p> <p>Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists (Submission 5) Professor Martine Maron, Member Dr Celine Steinfeld, Director</p> <p>Australian Academy of Science (Submission 6) Professor Craig Moritz, Chair, National Committee for Ecology, Evolution and Conservation</p>
10.40 am	Morning Tea

11.00 am	<p>WWF Australia (via videoconference) (Submission 7) Mr Dermot O'Gorman, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>Wilderness Society (Submission 8) Ms Suzanne Milthorpe, National Environmental Law Campaign Manager</p> <p>Humane Society International (Submission 9) Ms Nicola Beynon, Head of Campaigns</p> <p>Australian Conservation Foundation (Submission 10) Ms Kelly O'Shanassy, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>BirdLife Australia (Submission 11) Mr Gerard Early, Board Director Ms Samantha Vine, Head of Conservation (via videoconference)</p>
12.00 pm	<p>National Environmental Law Association (via videoconference) (Submission 12) Dr Hanna Jaireth, President</p> <p>Environmental Defenders Office (via videoconference) (Submission 13) Ms Rachel Walmsley, Head of Policy and Law Reform</p> <p>Law Council of Australia (via videoconference) (Submission 14) Ms Robyn Glindermann, Chair- Australian Environment and Planning Law Group; Chair- Climate Change Working Group Ms Leonie Campbell, Deputy Director of Policy</p>
12.50 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm	<p>Minerals Council of Australia (Submission 15) Ms Tania Constable, Chief Executive Officer Mr Chris McCombe, General Manager - Sustainability Mr Matthew Jeffries, Senior Manager - Environmental Policy</p> <p>Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (via videoconference) (Submission 16) Mr Andrew McConville, Chief Executive Mr Matthew Paull, Acting Queensland Director Mr Ashley Wells, Director - Government Relations</p>
2.10 pm	<p>Dr Peter Burnett, Honorary Associate Professor- Australian National University (Submission 17)</p> <p>Tasmanian Independent Science Council (via videoconference) (Submission 18) Professor Benjamin Richardson, Member Professor Jamie Kirkpatrick, Member Dr Lisa-ann Gershwin, Member Dr Edward Butler, Member</p> <p>Dr Megan Evans, Lecturer and ARC DECRA Fellow, University of New South Wales (Submission 19)</p>
3.00 pm	<p>Threatened Species Scientific Committee (via videoconference) (Submission 20) Professor Helene Marsh, Chair</p>

3.30 pm	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (<i>Submission 21</i>) Mr James Tregurtha, Acting Deputy Secretary Mr Greg Manning, Acting First Assistant Secretary, Environment Protection and Reform Division Mr Declan O'Connor-Cox, Assistant Secretary, Environment Protection Reform Branch Ms Emma Flanigan, Director, Legislative Development Section, Environment Protection Reform Branch
4.30 pm	<i>Adjournment</i>