



THE SENATE

**RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**Agriculture (Biosecurity Protection) Levies Bill 2024 [Provisions] and related bills**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Tuesday 23 April 2024**

**Committee Room 2S1  
Parliament House, Canberra**

Time	Witness
9.30 am	<b>GrainGrowers</b> ( <i>Submission 8</i> ) Mr Zachary Whale, General Manager, Policy and Advocacy (via videoconference)  <b>Grain Producers Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 57</i> ) Mr Colin Bettles, Chief Executive (via videoconference)
10.00 am	<b>Cattle Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 25</i> ) Dr Chris Parker, Chief Executive Officer (via videoconference)  <b>Red Meat Advisory Council</b> ( <i>Submission 52</i> ) Mr Alastair James, Chief Executive Officer (via videoconference) Mr Scott Kompo-Harms, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Australian Livestock Exporters' Council (via videoconference) Ms Bonnie Skinner, Chief Executive Officer, Sheep Producers Australia (via videoconference) Mr Christian Mulders, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Lot Feeders' Association (via videoconference)  <b>Australian Dairy Farmers</b> ( <i>Submission 14</i> ) Mr Justin Toohey, Advisor - Animal Health, Welfare and Biosecurity (via videoconference)
10.30 am	<b>Break</b>
10.40 am	<b>The Invasive Species Council</b> ( <i>Submission 58</i> ) Mr Jack Gough, Advocacy Manager (via videoconference) Mr Lyall Grieve, Conservation and Biosecurity Analyst (via videoconference)
11.10 am	<b>AgForce Queensland Farmers</b> ( <i>Submission 16</i> ) Mrs Belinda Callanan, Chair, Biosecurity Committee (via videoconference) Dr Annie Rutledge, Senior Policy Advisor (via videoconference)  <b>WoolProducers Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 5</i> ) Ms Jo Hall, Chief Executive Officer (via videoconference)  <b>NSW Farmers</b> ( <i>Submission 6</i> ) Mr Xavier Martin, President (via videoconference) Mr Ashley Cooper, Policy Director, Agricultural Industries (via videoconference)

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11.40 am	<p><b>National Farmers' Federation</b> (<i>Submission 12</i>) Mr Tony Mahar, Chief Executive Officer (via videoconference) Ms Charlotte Wundersitz, General Manager, Rural Affairs (via videoconference)</p> <p><b>Seafood Industry Australia</b> (<i>Submission 20</i>) Ms Veronica Papacosta, Chief Executive Officer (via videoconference) Ms Julie Petty, General Manager, Project and Policy (via videoconference)</p> <p><b>Australian Prawn Farmers Association</b> (<i>Submission 23</i>) Mrs Kim Hooper, Chief Executive Officer (via videoconference)</p>
<b>12.10 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
12.40 pm	<p><b>Australian Honey Bee Industry Council</b> (<i>Submission 13</i>) Mr Danny Le Feuvre, Chief Executive Officer (via videoconference)</p> <p><b>Berries Australia</b> (<i>Submission 51</i>) Ms Rachel Mackenzie, Executive Director (via videoconference)</p>
1.10 pm	<p><b>AUSVEG</b> (<i>Submission 4</i>) Ms Lucy Gregg, General Manager, Public Affairs (via videoconference)</p> <p><b>National Farmers' Federation Horticulture Council</b> (<i>Submission 17</i>) Mr Richard Shannon, Executive Officer (via videoconference)</p>
1.40 pm	<p><b>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</b> (<i>Submission 37</i>) Ms Justine Saunders, Deputy Secretary, Biosecurity and Compliance Group (via videoconference) Mrs Bronwen Jagers, First Assistant Secretary, Biosecurity Strategy and Reform Division (via videoconference) Ms Cassandra Ireland, General Counsel, Legislation and Training Legal Practice, Legal Division (via videoconference) Ms Sophia Farmakis, Assistant Secretary, Financial Operations Branch, Finance and Investment Division (via videoconference) Mr Chris Toyne, A/g Assistant Secretary, Farm Performance, Biosecurity Information (via videoconference)</p>
<b>2.45 pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>