



JOINT COMMITTEES

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TREATIES**

**Agreement between the United Arab Emirates and Australia on the Promotion and Protection of Investments**

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Thursday 30 January 2025**

**Committee Room 2R1**  
**Parliament House, Canberra**

Time	Witness
12.30 pm	<p><b><i>Panel 1 (Agriculture):</i></b> <b>Australian Meat Industry Council (AMIC)</b> Mr Timothy Ryan, Interim Chief Executive Officer</p> <p><b>Australian Dairy Farmers</b> Mr Nathan Pope, Policy Manager</p> <p><b>Australian Dairy Products Federation (ADPF)</b> Mr John Williams, Executive Chair</p> <p><b>Australian Livestock Exporters' Council</b> Mr Scott Kompm-Harms, Deputy CEO Mr Mark Harvey-Sutton, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p><b>Dairy Australia</b> Mr Karl Ellis, Manager Economic Sustainability and Competitiveness</p>
1.15 pm	<p><b><i>Panel 2 (Business):</i></b> <b>The Australian Industry Group</b> Ms Hnin Nwe Oo, Economic Policy Analyst Ms Louise McGrath, Head of Industry Development and Policy</p>
2.00 pm	<p><b><i>Panel 3 (Unions/Civil Society):</i></b> <b>Australian Council of Trade Unions</b> Ms Clare Middlemas, Senior International Officer Mr Liam O'Brien, Assistant Secretary</p> <p><b>Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network</b> Dr Patricia Ranald, Convener</p> <p><b>NSW Nurses and Midwives Association/Australian Nursing and Midwifery Foundation</b> Mr Mark Dunstan, Lead Industrial</p>

2.45 pm	<p><b>Panel 4 (Government):</b></p> <p><b>The Department of Industry, Science and Resources (DISR)</b>  Ms Alison Drury, General Manager, Trade and International Branch  Mr Matthew Deady, Manager, Trade Policy and Programs Section</p> <p><b>The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)</b>  Mr Brett Hughes, Director</p> <p><b>Australian Border Force</b>  Ms Kimberlee Clydesdale, Assistant Secretary - Customs and Trade Policy  Mrs Tharanie Vithanage, First Assistant Secretary - Strategy and Policy Division  Mr Cody Wilson, A/g Director – Trade and Tariff Policy</p> <p><b>The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)</b>  Ms Gemma Huggins, Assistant Secretary, Middle East Branch  Mr Daniel Bui, Director, Bilateral and Regional Digital Section  Ms Celina Smith, Assistant Director  Mr Liam Watson, A/g Director, FTA Goods Market Access and Rules Section  Ms Joanne Lovejoy, Director, Mobility and Mutual Recognition Section  Mrs Lillian Riches, Director- Legal   FTAs and Emerging Issues Law Section (FLS)  Mr Laurence Sanders, Assistant Director, International Intellectual Property Section  Ms Jessica Allen, Deputy Chief Negotiator, Australia-UAE CEPA  Ms Jessie Street, Acting Director  Mr Ravi Kewalram, First Assistant Secretary  Mr James Yeomans, A/g Assistant Secretary FTA Services Mobility and  Coordination Branch   Free Trade Agreements and Stakeholder Engagement Division  Ms Kate Finney, Assistant Director - Legal  Mr James Turner, Assistant Director, Industrial Policy and Government Procurement  Section  Ms Naomi Mason, Treaties Manager</p>
3.30 pm	<b>Adjournment</b>