



THE SENATE

**ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**Environment Protection Reform Bill 2025 and six related bills**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Friday 14 November 2025**

**Parliament House - Room 2S3  
Canberra**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
9.00 am	<b>Professor Graeme Samuel AC</b> ( <i>Submission 4</i> )
9.30 am	<b>Greenpeace Australia Pacific</b> ( <i>Submission 21</i> ) Mr David Ritter, Chief Executive Officer Ms Elle Lawless, Senior Nature Campaigner  <b>WWF Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 15</i> ) Ms Nicole Forrester, Australia's Chief Regenerative Officer (by videoconference)  <b>Australian Conservation Foundation</b> ( <i>Submission 13</i> ) Ms Kelly O'Shanassy, Chief Executive Officer Mr Brendan Sydes, National Biodiversity Policy Adviser
<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
11.00 am	<b>Clean Energy Council</b> ( <i>Submission 12</i> ) Mr William Churchill, Chief Policy & Impact Officer (by videoconference)  <b>Smart Energy Council</b> ( <i>Submission 12</i> ) Mr David McElrea, Chief Advocacy Officer (by videoconference)
11.45 am	<b>Biodiversity Council</b> Mr James Trezise, CEO Professor Brendan Wintle, Lead Councillor (by videoconference) Dr Peter Burnett, Councillor  <b>Environmental Justice Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 19</i> ) Ms Ellen Maybery, Senior Specialist Lawyer (by videoconference) Ms Nicola Silbert, Senior Lawyer (by videoconference)  <b>Wilderness Society</b> ( <i>Submission 27</i> ) Mr Sam Szoke-Burke, Biodiversity Policy and Campaign Manager (by videoconference)
<b>12.30 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
1.15 pm	<b>Australian Climate &amp; Biodiversity Foundation</b> ( <i>Submission 14</i> ) Mr Lyndon Schneiders, Executive Director (by videoconference)

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1.45 pm	<p><b>Minerals Council of Australia</b> Ms Tania Constable, Chief Executive Officer Mr Steven Brown, Principal Adviser Environmental Policy Mr Chris McCombe, General Manager - Sustainability</p> <p><b>The Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia</b> (<i>Submission 11</i>) Ms Anita Logiudice, Director of Policy and Advocacy</p>
2.30 pm	<p><b>Association for Mining and Exploration Companies</b> (<i>Submission 26</i>) Mr Warren Pearce, CEO Mr Sash Pavic, Director - Commonwealth</p>
<b>3.15 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
3.30 pm	<p><b>Property Council of Australia</b> (<i>Submission 10</i>) Mr Matthew Kandelaars, Group Executive, Policy and Advocacy (by videoconference) Ms Eleanor Sondergeld, National Policy Manager, Sustainability and Regulatory Affairs (by videoconference)</p>
4.15 pm	<p><b>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW)</b> (<i>Submission 1</i>) Ms Rachel Parry, Deputy Secretary Mr Shane Gaddes, Head of Division, Environment Law Reform Taskforce Mr Blaine Wentworth, A/g Branch Head, Policy and Legislation Branch, Environment Law Reform Taskforce Ms Anna-Liisa Lahtinen, A/g Branch Head, Reform Strategy Branch, Environment Law Reform Taskforce Mr Paul Keighley, A/g Branch Head, Engagement and Implementation Branch, Environment Law Reform Taskforce Mr Declan O'Connor-Cox, A/g Head of Division, Environment Regulation Division Mr Greg Manning, Head of Division, Environment Policy Regions and Markets Division</p> <p><b>Threatened Species Scientific Committee</b> Professor Iain Gordon, Chair</p>
<b>5.00 pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>