



THE SENATE

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Environment Protection Reform Bill 2025 and six related bills

PUBLIC HEARING
Thursday 20 November 2025

Parliament House - Room 2S1
Canberra

Time	Witness
11.00 am	Australian Industry Group (Ai) Ms Louise McGrath, Head of Industry Development and Policy Business Council of Australia (Submission 16) Mr Bran Black, Chief Executive Mr Andrew Fattal, Director Infrastructure and Planning
12.00 pm	National Farmers' Federation (Submission 68) Mr Warwick Ragg, General Manager, Natural Resource Management Mr Tonami Deed, Policy Officer, Natural Resource Management Ms Josefine Pettersson, Sustainability Consultant - AgForce, National Farmers' Federation Member Australian Forest Products Association Mrs Diana Hallam, Chief Executive Officer Mr Richard Hyett, Deputy CEO / Director of Policy
12.45 pm	National Environmental Law Association Mr Mark Beaufoy, President (by videoconference) Professor Justine Bell-James, Director (by videoconference) Ms Sarah Brugler, Director (by videoconference) Environmental Defenders Office (Submission 65) Ms Rachel Walmsley, Deputy Director, Policy & Law Reform Ms Revel Pointon, Managing Lawyer, Policy and Law Reform Ms Cerin Loane, Special Counsel, Policy and Law Reform (by videoconference)
1.30 pm	Lunch
2.15 pm	Urban Development Institute of Australia (Submission 54) Mr Andrew Mihno, Head of Policy and Government Relations Ms Lucy Shea, Technical Drafting Representative Mr Mitch Taylor, Environmental Expert Representative Housing Industry Australia (Submission 20) Simon Croft, Chief Executive – Industry & Policy Mr Sam Heckel, Executive Director – Planning & Development (by videoconference)

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3.15 pm	Central Land Council Dr Josephine Douglas, General Manager – Professional Services Ms Georgia Stewart, Policy Manager Northern Land Council Mr Yuseph Deen, Chief Executive Officer (by videoconference) Mr David Astalosh, Governance, Strategy and Communication General Manager (by videoconference)
4.00 pm	Break
4.15 pm	Environment Centre NT Dr Kirsty Howey, Executive Director Ms Bree Ahrens, Senior Climate Campaigner Conservation Council WA Mr Matthew Roberts, Executive Director (by videoconference)
5.00 pm	Bob Brown Foundation (<i>Submission 2</i>) Dr Bob Brown, Patron Ms Jenny Weber, Campaigns Director Mr Scott Jordan, Takayna Campaigner Lock the Gate (<i>Submission 5</i>) Ms Georgina Woods, Head of Research and Investigations
5.30 pm	Adjournment