



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	<b>Australian Industry Group (Ai)</b> Ms Louise McGrath, Head of Industry Development and Policy  <b>Business Council of Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 16</i> ) Mr Bran Black, Chief Executive Mr Andrew Fattal, Director Infrastructure and Planning
12.00 pm	<b>National Farmers' Federation</b> ( <i>Submission 68</i> ) 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  <b>Australian Forest Products Association</b> Mrs Diana Hallam, Chief Executive Officer Mr Richard Hyett, Deputy CEO / Director of Policy
12.45 pm	<b>National Environmental Law Association</b> Mr Mark Beaufoy, President (by videoconference) Professor Justine Bell-James, Director (by videoconference) Ms Sarah Brugler, Director (by videoconference)  <b>Environmental Defenders Office</b> ( <i>Submission 65</i> ) 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	<b>Lunch</b>
2.15 pm	<b>Urban Development Institute of Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 54</i> ) Mr Andrew Mihno, Head of Policy and Government Relations Ms Lucy Shea, Technical Drafting Representative Mr Mitch Taylor, Environmental Expert Representative  <b>Housing Industry Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 20</i> ) Simon Croft, Chief Executive – Industry & Policy Mr Sam Heckel, Executive Director – Planning & Development (by videoconference)

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