



THE SENATE

RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Opportunities for the development of a hemp industry in Australia

**PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday 14 April 2026**

**Flinders Room, Mantra on Russell
222 Russell St, Melbourne, VIC**

Time	Witness
9.40 am	<i>via teleconference:</i> Hemp Plastic Company (<i>Submission 50</i>) Mr Paul Benhaim, Chairman
10.20 am	La Trobe University (<i>Submission 27</i>) Dr David Fleming-Munoz, Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics Professor Monika Doblin, Professor of Ecological Plant and Animal Sciences
11.10 am	Break
11.30 am	Australian Industrial Hemp Alliance (<i>Submission 48</i>) Mr Charles Kovess, President iHemp Victoria (<i>Submission 24</i>) Mr Darren Christie, President
12.15 pm	Australian Hemp Council (<i>Submission 60</i>) Mr Matthew Lariba-Taing, President Victorian Hemp Association (<i>Submission 47</i>) Mr David Brian, President
1.00 pm	Adjournment

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