



THE SENATE

SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRODUCTIVITY IN AUSTRALIA

Select Committee on Productivity in Australia

PUBLIC HEARING
Thursday 23 April 2026

Committee Room 2S3
Australian Parliament House, Canberra

Time	Witness
9.00 am	Council of Small Business Organisations Australia (via video conference) (Submission 166) Ms Adele Sutton, Head of Policy
9.20 am	Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (via video conference) Mr Warren Pearce, Chief Executive Officer Minerals Council of Australia Ms Tania Constable, Chief Executive Officer Mr Chris McCombe, General Manager - Sustainability Dr Shane Evans, Principal Adviser – Economic Reform
10.00 am	Blue Economy CRC, Futures of Seafood (Submission 174) Ms Angela Williamson, Chief Executive Officer Commonwealth Fisheries Association (via video conference) (Submission 179) Ms Emily Rowe, Executive Officer
10.30 am	Morning tea
10.45 am	National Farmers Federation (Submission 132) Mr Michael Guerin, Chief Executive Officer Mr Warwick Ragg, General Manager, Natural Resource Management Mr Guy Nicol, Senior Policy Officer, Trade and Economics CropLife Australia (Submission 169) Mr Justin Crosby, Director, Government and Strategic Relations Ms Rosie Bourke, Manager, Government and Stakeholder Relations AgForce QLD (via video conference) Ms Josefine Pettersson, EPBC Lead
11.15 am	Waste Management and Resource Recovery Association of Australia (Submission 89) Ms Gayle Sloan, Chief Executive Officer Waste Contractors and Recyclers Association of NSW Mr Brett Lemin, Executive Director

12.00 pm	<p>Australian Climate and Biodiversity Foundation Mr Lyndon Schneiders, Executive Director Dr Ken Henry, Chair (via video conference)</p> <p>Climateworks Centre (via video conference) Mr Erwin Jackson, Head of Australian Programs Mr Liam Walsh, System Lead – Food, land and ocean</p>
12.30 pm	Lunch break
1.15 pm	<p>Australian Renewable Energy Agency (via video conference) Mr Darren Miller, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (Submission 148) Ms Paula Svarcas, Head of Division, Environment Regulation (via video conference) Ms Jennifer Kay, Acting Head of Division, Environment Law Reform Taskforce Mr Declan O'Connor-Cox, Branch Head, EPBC Regulatory Support Branch Ms Kathleen Patroni, Acting Branch Head, Reform Strategy and Engagement Branch, Environment Law Reform Taskforce Mr Blaine Wentworth, Acting Branch Head, Standards, Offsets and Approvals Reform Branch, Environment Law Reform Taskforce Ms Alison Wiltshire, Acting Head of Division, Clean Energy Investment and Facilitation Division (via video conference) Mr Adam McKissack, Chief Energy Economist, Office of Energy Economics (via video conference) Mr James White, Acting Head of Division, Electricity</p> <p>Department of Industry, Science and Resources (Submission 164) Mr Dominic English, Chief Economist</p>
2.00 pm	<p>Australian Logistics Council Dr Hermione Parsons, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director</p>
2.30 pm	<p>National Transport Commission Mr Michael Hopkins, Chief Executive Officer and Commissioner</p>
3.00 pm	Afternoon tea
3.15 pm	<p>Australian Livestock and Rural Transporters Association (Submission 134) Mr Anthony Boyle, Executive Director Mr Ashley Mackinnon, General Manager, Policy and Strategy</p> <p>Australian Trucking Association (Submission 116) Mr Mathew Munro, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>Heavy Vehicle Industry Australia (via video conference) (Submission 126) Mr Todd Hacking, Chief Executive Officer Mr Aaron Johnstone, Chief Advocacy Officer</p> <p>National Road Transport Association (NatRoad) (Submission 156) Mr Warren Clark, Chief Executive Officer Ms Sarah Dunning, Strategic Adviser</p>
4.15 pm	<p>Dronamics Airlines Australia Pty Ltd (Submission 207) Mr Gavin Gomes, Chief Revenue Officer Director & Hon. Treasurer Mr Svilen Rangelov, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer</p>

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4.45 pm	Woolworths Group Pty Ltd (via video conference) Mr Chris Brooks, Managing Director, Primary Connect+ & Replenishment Dr Jaimie Lovell, Director, Government & Industry Affairs
5.15 pm	<i>Adjournment</i>