



THE SENATE

SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRODUCTIVITY IN AUSTRALIA

Select Committee on Productivity in Australia

PUBLIC HEARING
Friday 24 April 2026

Committee Room 2S3
Australia Parliament House, Canberra

Time	Witness
9.00 am	The Australian Population Research Institute (via video conference) (Submission 68) Dr Bob Birrell, President
9.30 am	ANU Migration Hub Emeritus Professor Peter McDonald (via video conference) Professor Alan Gamlen, Director Dr Liz Allen (Submission 67)
10.00 am	Mr Ludo Campbell-Reid (Submission 181) Mr Julian Bolleter (via video conference) (Submission 189) Emeritus Professor Barbara Norman (Submission 21) Dr George Tan (via video conference)
11.00 am	Morning tea
11.15 am	Mr Brian Marlow (via video conference)
11.45 am	Institute of Public Affairs (via video conference) (Submission 111) Mr Adam Creighton Mr Daniel Wild
12.15 pm	Planning Institute Australia (Submission 193) Mrs Emma Riley, National President Mrs Nicole Bennetts, National Head of Policy and Advocacy Urbis Ltd (Submission 98) Mr Evan Granger, Director (Planning) Mr Richard Gibbs, Director (Economics & Property)

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12.45 pm	<p>Regional Australia Institute (<i>Submission 143</i>) Ms Liz Ritchie, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>Regional Capitals Australia (via video conference) (<i>Submission 133</i>) Cr Doug Curran, Secretary Mr Scott Grant, Member Ms Rachael Sweeney, Secretariat</p>
1.30 pm	Lunch break
2.15 pm	<p>Regional Development Australia Goldfields Esperance (via video conference) (<i>Submission 15</i>) Ms Sharon Henderson, Director</p> <p>Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast (<i>Submission 28</i>) Ms Robyn Verrall, Chair Ms Angela Cutting, Manager, Projects & Partnerships (via video conference)</p> <p>Regional Development Australia Tropical North (via video conference) (<i>Submission 73</i>) Professor Hurriyet Babacan, Chair</p> <p>Regional Development Australia Riverina (<i>Submission 40</i>) Mrs Rachel Whiting, Chief Executive Officer</p>
3.00 pm	<p>Aurizon Mr Patrick Coleman, Principal Advisor Policy and Stakeholder Relations</p> <p>Pacific National (via video conference) Mr Brett Grehan, Chief Executive Officer</p>
3.45 pm	Afternoon tea
4.00 pm	<p>Australian Airports Association (via video conference) (<i>Submission 43</i>) Mr Simon Westaway, Chief Executive Officer Ms Sybilla Grady, Senior Manager, Policy and Research</p>
4.30 pm	<p>Maritime Industry Australia Ltd (via video conference) Mrs Angela Gillham, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>Ports Australia (via video conference) (<i>Submission 88</i>) Ms Suzanne Fosbery, Director Industry Policy</p>
5.00 pm	Adjournment