



JOINT COMMITTEES

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON NORTHERN AUSTRALIA**

**Preparing for emerging industries across Northern Australia**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Friday 15 May 2026**

**Parliament House - Room 2S3  
Canberra**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
8.30 am	<b>MEGT (Australia) Ltd</b> ( <i>Submission 13</i> ) Mr Christopher Dale, General Manager, Strategy & Design  <b>Engineers Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 46</i> ) Ms Bernadette Foley, Group Executive, Professional Standards and Engineering Practice
9.15 am	<b>Australian Strategic Policy Institute (via videoconference)</b> ( <i>Submission 10</i> ) Dr John Coyne, Director of National Security  <b>Austal (via videoconference)</b> ( <i>Submission 98</i> ) Mr Brett Peek, Industry Engagement Manager
<b>10.15 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
10.30 am	<b>Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA (via videoconference)</b> ( <i>Submission 70</i> ) Mr Aaron Morey, CEO
11.30 am	<b>CSIRO (via videoconference)</b> Dr Daniel Roberts, Research Program Director, CSIRO Energy Research Unit Dr Cathryn O'Sullivan, Senior Research Scientist, CSIRO Agriculture and Food Dr Ben Leita, Senior Research Scientist, CSIRO Agriculture and Food  <b>Professor Ian O'Hara, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Engineering at Queensland University of Technology (via videoconference)</b>  <b>Southern Oil Refining Pty Ltd (via videoconference)</b> Mr Troy Collings, Director, Corporate and Regulatory Affairs
<b>12.30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
1.15 pm	<b>Business Council of Co-operatives and Mutuals</b> ( <i>Submission 65</i> ) Ms Melina Morrison, CEO
1.45 pm	<b>Mineral Policy Institute (via videoconference)</b> ( <i>Submission 38</i> ) Dr Charles Roche, Executive Director Mr Gwenaël Velge, Research Associate
<b>2.15 pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>