HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Inquiry into streamlining environmental regulation, 'green tape', and one stop shops

Chair: Alex Hawke MP
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'Green tape' inquiry to visit Sydney and Melbourne

The House Environment Committee will be holding public hearings in Sydney on 1 May and in Melbourne on 2 May to gather more evidence to its inquiry into streamlining environmental regulation, 'green tape', and one stop shops for environmental assessments and approvals.

The programs for the public hearings will be finalised over the coming weeks.

In the meantime, the Committee encourages all interested groups and individuals to consider making a submission to the inquiry. The closing date for submissions has been extended to **Wednesday, 30 April 2014** to give interested parties more time to make a contribution. Submissions can address one or more of the terms of reference, listed below:

> The Committee will inquire into and report on the impact of 'green tape' and issues relating to environmental regulation and deregulation. The inquiry will have particular regard to:
> - jurisdictional arrangements, regulatory requirements and the potential for deregulation;
> - the balance between regulatory burdens and environmental benefits;
> - areas for improved efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory framework; and
> - legislation governing environmental regulation, and the potential for deregulation.

Further details about how to make a submission can be obtained from the Committee's website at: http://www.aph.gov.au/greentape.

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