



Should we sell uranium to India?

The merits of selling uranium to India will be examined by expert witnesses today as part of the Treaties Committee's inquiry into the Government's proposal.

Exporting uranium to India promises increased jobs and export income for Australia, but has attracted some criticism.

Witnesses are expected to discuss the benefits of the agreement for the mining industry, and Australia's improved bilateral relations with India, along with safeguards and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Representatives from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and other government agencies will appear at a public hearing on Thursday.

Committee Chair Wyatt Roy MP says this is a complex matter.

"The Committee will be undertaking a diligent and comprehensive look at the proposal to make sure all the issues are fully explored and considered," Mr Roy said.

Public Hearing: Monday 9 February, Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

- 11.15am** Mr John Carlson AM, Former Director General, Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office, 1989-2010
- 11.45am** Mr Ronald Walker, First head of the Nuclear Safeguards Branch in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- 12.15pm** Minerals Council of Australia
- 12.45pm** Mr Crispin Rovere
- 1.15pm** Close

Public Hearing: Thursday 12 February, Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

- 3.15pm** Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office
Australian Radiation and Nuclear Safety Agency
Department of Industry and Science
- 4.30pm** Close

The hearings will be broadcast through: www.aph.gov.au/live

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