

**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON NORTHERN AUSTRALIA**

The Development of Northern Australia

Chair: The Hon Warren Entsch MP

Inquiry into the Development of Northern Australia

Committee to meet Pilbara Residents

The Australian Parliament's Northern Australia Committee will visit the Pilbara on **8-10 April** as part of its inquiry into the development of Northern Australia. The Committee will travel to Tom Price, Karratha and Port Hedland.

The visit will give the Committee the opportunity to meet with residents and their representatives, and take evidence on the challenges and opportunities facing communities in the Pilbara.

The Committee will hold public hearings in Tom Price on Tuesday, 8 April, at the Clem Thompson Sports Pavilion, from 1.00pm to 3.00pm.

In Karratha, the Committee will hold hearings at the Frank Butler Community Centre on Wednesday, 9 April, between 9.00am and 12.45pm.

On Thursday, 10 April, the Committee will hold public hearings at the Council Chambers in Port Hedland, from 8.30am to 12.45pm.

Each hearing will consist of scheduled meetings with local councils and business groups. **At the end of each day of hearings, time will be allocated for private individuals to make brief statements to the Committee from the floor.**

Details of the program for each day is available on the Committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/jscna

Committee Chair, the Hon Warren Entsch MP, stated: "The Pilbara is a microcosm of the issues and opportunities facing the North, with its enormous wealth of natural resources, small population, isolation and high costs. The Committee is seeking ways to overcome these challenges and unlock the great potential of the northern half of the continent, and present those solutions to Government."

PUBLIC HEARINGS—Pilbara, 8-10 April 2014

WHERE:	Clem Thompson Sports Pavilion, Tom Price
WHEN:	Tuesday 8 April 2014, 1.00pm–3.00pm
WHERE:	Frank Butler Community Centre, Hunt Way, Bulgarra (Karratha)
WHEN:	Wednesday 9 April 2014, 9.00am–12.45pm
WHERE:	Council Chambers, 13 McGregor St, Port Hedland
WHEN:	Thursday 10 April 2014, 8.30am–12.45pm

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