



China a cash cow for Australian dairy

China is Australia's largest and fastest growing dairy market with the value of exports growing by nearly 75 per cent since 2009 to \$468.5 million.

The Parliamentary Treaties Committee will hear from the Australian Dairy Council on Monday as it further examines the China Free Trade Agreement at a public hearing in Canberra.

Committee Chair, Mr Wyatt Roy MP, said that as China is Australia's largest trading partner this treaty is expected to benefit a wide range of Australian businesses and industries.

Mr Roy said that greater access to the China market will help the industry realise its potential.

The committee will also talk to relevant government departments responsible for the negotiation and implementation of the treaty.

"However, a number of issues have been raised through submissions to our inquiry and public hearings and we will be seeking clarification of these issues," he said.

The committee will also examine recent changes to the UN Universal Postal Convention and postal regulations. Australia is lodging a reservation to a number of the amendments and there are concerns over the impact on the flow of international mail to and from Australia.

***Public Hearing: Monday 17 August 2015,
Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House Canberra***

- 11.10am** ***Ratification of the Decisions of the 2012 Doha Congress: Universal Postal Union: General Regulations of the Universal Postal Union, Universal Postal Convention and Final Protocol of the Universal Postal Convention and Postal Payment Services Agreement***
- 11.30am** ***Free Trade Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the People's Republic of China***
- 1.00pm** ***Close***

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

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