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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

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

*Chair: Alex Hawke MP
Deputy Chair: Tony Zappia MP*

Environmental regulation. Getting the balance right.

The House Environment Committee will hold a public hearing in Canberra this Thursday, as part of its inquiry into streamlining environmental regulation, 'green tape', and one stop shops for environmental assessments and approvals.

Evidence will be heard from legal experts, representatives of a policy think tank and environmental practitioners involved in assessments. The Committee Chair, Mr Alex Hawke MP, said "The Committee is looking forward to receiving suggestions for practical reform of the environmental assessments process. We want to pave the way for effective development in Australia while preserving our unique environment for future generations to enjoy."

Details of the public hearing are as follows:

Time: 9.30 am

Date: Thursday, 19 June 2014

Location: Room 1R4, Parliament House, Canberra

9.30 a.m.	Law Council of Australia
10.10 a.m.	The Australia Institute
10.40 a.m.	Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand

The public hearing will be webcast live at: <http://www.aph.gov.au/live>

Further details about the inquiry, including submissions and the terms of reference, can be obtained from the Committee's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/greentape>.

For media comment: please contact the Committee Chair, Mr Alex Hawke, on (02) 6277 4430 (Parliament House) and (02) 9899 7211 (electorate office)

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