



## Selling uranium to India?

The implications of selling uranium to India will be the focus of a public hearing in Melbourne on Monday.

Strategic analysts, church and environment groups will give evidence to Parliament’s Joint Treaties Committee, which is focusing on the costs and benefits of the Government’s proposed agreement to sell uranium to India.

The Government believes the agreement maintains Australia’s strong commitment to nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament and will improve the lives of ordinary Indians by reducing energy poverty in that country.

The agreement has attracted criticism from some nuclear non-proliferation specialists because India is not party to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and has been subject to external and internal criticism for its nuclear safety record.

Committee Chair, Wyatt Roy MP, emphasised that 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 18 May, Meeting Room G3, 55 St Andrews Place  
Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices, Melbourne**

<b>9.30am – 10.30am</b>	<b>Uniting Church of Australia, Justice and International Mission</b>
<b>11.30am – 12.30pm</b>	<b>Mr Crispin Rovere, private citizen</b>
<b>1.30pm – 2.30pm</b>	<b>Australian Conservation Foundation</b>
<b>2.10pm – 3.30pm</b>	<b>Friends of the Earth</b>
<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>Close</b>

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