

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY**

Inquiry into agricultural innovation

*Chair: Mr Rowan Ramsey MP
Deputy Chair: Ms Clare O'Neil MP*

Public hearing for inquiry into agricultural innovation

The House of Representatives Agriculture and Industry Committee will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, 22 October 2015, for the inquiry into agricultural innovation.

Appearing at this first hearing for the inquiry will be the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation.

Committee Chair, Rowan Ramsey MP, said "The Committee is pleased to commence hearings for this important inquiry. Australian farmers are renowned for their pioneering attitude to agricultural technology. Submissions to the inquiry have highlighted exciting prospects for Australia to continue leading the world in agricultural innovation."

"We are keen to hear from the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC), which supports small rural industries and undertakes cross-sectoral rural research. RIRDC will be able to offer compelling insights into the opportunities and challenges which emerging technology will pose to the agriculture sector over the decades to come."

The hearing will be held in Committee Room 1R1, Parliament House, Canberra:

Thursday, 22 October 2015

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| 12.30 pm (approx.) | Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation |
| 1.30 pm | close |

The public hearing will be webcast live at:

http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament

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

For media comment please contact the Committee Chair, Mr Rowan Ramsey, on (02) 6277 4967 (Parliament House) and (08) 8645 4255.

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