



# Northern Australia Committee returns to Brisbane

The Australian Parliament's Northern Australia Committee will hold a public hearing in Brisbane on **Friday 20 June**, from 9.00am to 2.45pm, as part of its inquiry into the development of Northern Australia. The hearing will be held at **Committee Room 3, Level 6, Parliamentary Annexe**, Parliament House, Brisbane.

The Committee will hear from a range of witnesses, including the state government, industry groups, scientists, and local government. The hearing will provide an opportunity for representatives from Rockhampton and its hinterland to meet with the Committee. It will also give the Committee the opportunity to discuss the Etheridge Integrated Agriculture Project (Submission 81) a major new agricultural project on the Gilbert River. Details of the program are as follows:

9.00 am	Queensland Government (Submission 219)
10.00 am	Integrated Food and Energy Developments Pty Ltd (Submission 81)
10.45 am	Rockhampton Regional Council (Submission 10)
11.15 am	Agforce (Submission 268)
11.45 am	Capricorn Enterprise (Submission 17)
1.15 pm	Regional Development Australia—Fitzroy and Central West (Submission 46)
1.45pm	CSIRO (Submission 108)
2.15 pm	Queensland Farmers Federation (Submission 74)

Committee Chair, the Hon Warren Entsch MP, stated: "The agricultural potential of Northern Australia is enormous. The work currently being done by CSIRO and others is revealing the capacity of the region to intensify and diversify the production of a range of food and fibre products. The Etheridge Integrated Agriculture Project being sponsored by Integrated Food and Energy Developments is breaking new ground in Northern Australia. Its success will show the way forward for other projects as Northern Australia seeks to capitalise on the opportunities presented by the emerging economies of Asia and the Pacific."

## PUBLIC HEARINGS—Brisbane, 20 June 2014

**WHERE:** Committee Room 3, Level 6, Parliamentary Annexe, Alice Street  
**WHEN:** Friday 20 June, 9.00am–2.45pm

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