

**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*

Agricultural innovation in Armidale

The House of Representatives Agriculture and Industry Committee will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday for its inquiry into agricultural innovation. The Committee will hear from a range of stakeholders from industry and research sectors, as well as local government.

Committee Chair, Rowan Ramsey MP, said, "Throughout the inquiry, the Committee has heard a lot about the University of New England's Kirby SMART Farm. We are looking forward to visiting the SMART Farm and seeing some of the innovative practices firsthand.

"We also look forward to meeting with other witnesses in Armidale who have interesting insights to share on how Australia can make better use of innovative technologies to boost agricultural production."

The hearing will be held at the University of New England's Kirby SMART Farm Innovation Centre, Weirs Road, Armidale:

Wednesday, 13 April 2016

12.40 pm	Cotton Research and Development Corporation (Submission 49)
1.10 pm	Precision Agriculture Pty Ltd (Submission 106)
1.40 pm	Precision Cropping Technologies (Submission 24)
2.20 pm	Gwydir Shire Council (Submission 14)
2.50 pm	Mr Alun Davies (Submission 1) Professor Robert Banks Dr Nigel Andrew
3.20 pm	University of New England and UNE SMART Farm (Submission 11)

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 (08) 8645 4255.

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