

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE Manufacturing Inquiry Issued: 21 November 2006

Chair: Hon Bruce Baird MP Deputy Chair: Dr Craig Emerson MP

Economics Committee to discuss outcomes of the National Manufacturing Forum at public hearing in Melbourne

The House of Representatives Economics Committee will hold a public hearing in Melbourne tomorrow as part of its inquiry into the state of Australia's manufactured export and import competing base now and beyond the resources boom.

Representatives of the National Manufacturing Forum will discuss the work of the forum and their report recommendations which were released in October. BlueScope Steel, the ACTU and Dr Peter Brain of the National Institute of Economic and Industry Research will also appear before the Committee.

This hearing forms part of a hearing program which began in August and will continue through into early 2007.

Details of the hearing are as follows:

Committee	House of Representatives Economics Committee
Venue	Legislative Council Committee Room Victorian Parliament House Spring Street MELBOURNE
Date	Wednesday, 22 November 2006
Time	1.15pm to 2.45pm
The program for the hearing is as follows:	
1.15pm	National Manufacturing Forum

- **2.00pm** Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU)
- 2.45pm BlueScope Steel
- 3.15pm National Institute of Economic and Industry Research
- 3.45pm Adjourn

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