



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage

Farmers, Conservationists and Government Speak up on Environmental Measures Imposed on Landholders

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage will hold a public hearing in **Sydney** this **Monday, 20 November**, to hear government, conservationists' and farmers' views on the impact of conservation measures imposed on private landholders.

The House Environment Committee is currently holding a number of public hearings around Australia as part of its inquiry into the impact of conservation measures imposed on private landholders. The Committee is interested in the costs to landholders of requirements to take conservation measures, such as protecting or rehabilitating native vegetation.

Public Event: **House of Representatives Environment Committee**
How do conservation requirements affect private landholders in New South Wales? What should be done to share costs with the wider community?

Where: **Commonwealth Offices, Level 11, 70 Phillip Street, Sydney**

When: **Monday 20 November, 9.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.**

9.30 a.m.	NSW Farmers' Association
10.30 a.m.	Twynam Investments
11.15 a.m.	Nature Conservation Council
1.00 p.m.	Native Vegetation Advisory Council
1.45 p.m.	Environs Australia
2.45 p.m.	New South Wales Government

The House Environment Committee is seeking information and ideas on:

- ~ how to decrease the financial burden on landholders of carrying out conservation measures;
- ~ ways of ensuring that the costs of public good conservation are shared by all; and
- ~ how to distinguish measures that largely benefit the landholders themselves from measures that largely benefit the public at large, and how to cost these measures.

As part of its inquiry, the Committee is also visiting the bush. Committee Chair, Ian Causley says, 'These visits give the committee the opportunity to talk to affected landholders. We can see how landholders are dealing with the conservation measures imposed on them, and hear their views of how they could be helped with costs when they undertake public good activities'.

For more details on the inquiry, contact the House Environment Committee Secretariat on 02 6277 4580 or visit the House Environment Committee web site:

www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/environ/

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