

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage

Queenslanders Speak up on Conservation Measures Imposed on Landholders

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage will hold a public hearing in **Brisbane** this **Monday**, **11 September**, to hear Queenslanders' views on 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.

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. In Brisbane, the Environment Committee will meet with conservation groups, representatives from the rural industry and private landholders.

Public Event:	House of Representatives Environment Committee How do conservation requirements affect private landholders in Queensland?		
Where:	Parliamentary Annex, Conference Room, Level 5, Alice Street,		
When:	Monday	Monday 11 September, 11am – 4.15pm.	
	11am	Queensland Farmers' Federation Agforce Canegrowers	
	Noon	Australian Environment International	
	1.45pm	Russell Island Development Association	
	2.15pm	Mrs Lyndsey E Paul	
	3pm	Queensland Conservation Council	
	3.45pm	Australian Forest Growers	

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.

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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