



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Standing Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**  
**Inquiry into rural skills training and research**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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*Chair: Alby Schultz MP*

# **Committee to hear from foresters on rural skilling issues**

***Committee Public Hearing in Parliament House, Canberra - 9 November 2005***

Representatives from the **Institute of Foresters of Australia (IFA)** will appear before the House of Representatives Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Committee on Wednesday (9 November) in relation to its inquiry into rural skills training and research.

The public hearing will take place **from 5.00 pm in Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra.**

The Institute's submission (no. 58 on the committee website) points a growing shortfall of professional foresters sought by the forestry sector and falling enrolments at universities for forestry undergraduate courses.

The committee chair, Alby Schultz (Member for Hume, NSW), said that "the Australian forestry industry and its workers make a substantial contribution to the Australian economy and the Committee is pleased to be able to hear from the IFA and explore issues of falling enrolments in this important area of resource management".

Further details about the inquiry, including terms of reference and submissions, can be obtained from the committee's website at:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/primind/ruralskills/> or by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4500 or emailing [Aff.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:Aff.reps@aph.gov.au).

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