



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ECONOMICS COMMITTEE

PUBLIC HEARING WITH ACCC

**MEDIA ALERT**

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## ***ACCC Chairman Graeme Samuel to appear before House Economics Committee***

The House of Representatives Economics Committee will be holding a public hearing in **Melbourne** on **Friday 5 March 2004** where it will question the head of Australia's competition watchdog - the Chairman of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), Graeme Samuel - along with other ACCC staff. The hearing is part of the Committee's review of the ACCC's Annual Report 2003.

"The hearing will be of particular significance," said David Hawker MP, Chair of the House Economics Committee. "It will be the first occasion that recently appointed ACCC Chairman Graeme Samuel will publicly appear before the Committee. The structure of the hearing is to be based upon the highly successful Reserve Bank of Australia hearings which the Committee conducts biannually."

In its review of the ACCC Annual Report 2003, the Committee will be examining a range of matters relevant to competition law and consumer protection within Australia. Mr Hawker said "this hearing is very important given that it not only helps to ensure that the ACCC remains accountable for its actions but also provides an opportunity for the public to gain a greater understanding of the role of the ACCC".

### **Public hearing**

**When: Friday 5 March 2004  
9.30am-11.30am**

**Where: Victorian State Parliament House, Room K  
Melbourne**

Further information on the upcoming public hearing can be found on the Committee website at [www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/efpa](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/efpa)

**For media comment or interview, please contact the House Economics Committee Chair David Hawker on 02 6277 4837**

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