



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE
ON AGRICULTURE, RESOURCES, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY**

Chair: Hon Dick Adams MP

Inquiry into Wheat Export Marketing Amendment Bill 2012

Public hearings on Bill to deregulate wheat export market

The House of Representatives Agriculture, Resources, Fisheries and Forestry Committee will hold public hearings this week in relation to its inquiry into the Wheat Export Marketing Amendment Bill 2012.

The Committee will hear evidence from representatives of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry on Wednesday 9 May 2012, commencing at 5:30pm in room 1R3.

Further hearings are scheduled with a range of government and non-government stakeholders on Friday 11 May in room 2R1, commencing at 8:30am.

The Bill was referred to the Committee for inquiry by the House of Representatives Selection Committee on 22 March 2012. The Bill would implement the Australian Government's response to the Productivity Commission review of wheat export marketing arrangements. Under the proposed reforms, the Wheat Export Accreditation Scheme would be abolished, but the so-called 'access test' would remain in place until at least 2014, depending on the approval of a new voluntary industry code of conduct.

The terms of reference are the text of the bills, which can be accessed, together with the Explanatory Memorandum, on the Committee's website.

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