

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE on TREATIES Nuclear transfer and safeguard agreements with China MEDIA ALERT

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Chair: Dr Andrew Southcott MP Deputy Chair: Mr Kim Wilkie MP

China Nuclear Transfer and Safeguards Inquiry comes to Adelaide and Perth

Public hearings for the China Nuclear transfer and safeguards Inquiry will be held in Adelaide on 5 October and in Perth on 6 October.

The nuclear material transfer agreement would allow for the supply of Australian uranium to China's nuclear power program. The nuclear material safeguards agreement would provide for cooperation on various nuclear issues; including the transfer of nuclear-related material, equipment or technology.

"The Committee is providing South Australians and West Australians the opportunity to have their say on the China nuclear transfer and safeguards treaties," Dr Southcott said.

Further information about the inquiry is available on the Committee's website: <u>http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/8august2006/index.htm</u>

ADELAIDE PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM – 9.15 am-11.30 am, 5 October 2006

Venue: Parliament of South Australia, North Terrace, Adelaide, 2nd Floor, Terrace Room

- 9.15 am Australian Conservation Foundation
- 9.45 am Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
- 10.15 am Government of South Australia

PERTH PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM – 9.30 am-11.45 am, 6 October 2006

Venue: Conference Room - Level 39 Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices, Exchange Plaza, 2, The Esplanade

9.30 am The Anti-Nuclear Alliance of WA
10.00 am Future Directions International
10.30 am The Association of Mining and Exploration Companies Inc
11.15 am People for Nuclear Disarmament Western Australia

The hearings are open to the public and media.

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