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Answers to questions on notice
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Senator Urquhart asked:

1. What groups/stakeholders does the committee regularly consult with?

Answer:

1. The role of the Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development (the IESC) is to provide expert scientific advice on the water-related impacts of coal seam gas and large coal mining development proposals to the Australian Government and state government regulators.

The IESC Chair meets on an annual basis with the Australian Government, New South Wales and Queensland government agencies responsible for the regulation of coal seam gas and large coal mining development.

The IESC has also met with company representatives, community leaders and the scientific community.