



Public Hearing 16 May 2008

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Natural Resource Management (Climate Change) is conducting a public hearing in connection with its inquiry into the impact of climate change on natural resource management announced the Committee Chair, Mrs Karyn Paluzzano MP.

The public hearing will provide an opportunity for the Committee to take evidence from representatives of organisations that have made submissions to its inquiry. Key academics will appear as well as witnesses are from State and Local government, the Environmental Defenders Office, the Carbon Coalition Against Global Warming and Australian Forest Growers.

“The Committee realises that the potential effects of climate change on natural resource management are of great interest to stakeholders and the community in general,” Mrs Paluzzano said,

“Climate change presents a complex policy challenge for governments and industry. Probably one of the most important issues is the transition to a national emissions trading scheme in the next two years.

The Committee looks forward to hearing from experts on how climate change may affect New South Wales and what policies options will be best at mitigating its effects or reversing it.”

The following issues will be pursued during the course of the Committee’s hearings:

- The impact of human-induced climate change on natural resources and natural resource management;
- The consequences of national and international policies on natural resource management in New South Wales;
- The impact of emissions trading schemes on natural resource management in New South Wales; and
- The way in which land and water use can contribute to climate change and approaches to mitigate its effects.

The public hearing will be held on 16 May 2008, in the Jubilee Room at Parliament House from 9:30 am. The full hearing program is attached.

Further information can be obtained by visiting the Committee website at <http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/climatechange> or by contacting Ms Vicki Buchbach, Committee Manager, on (02) 9230 3438 or Ms Kylie Rudd, Senior Committee Officer, on (02) 9230 2108.

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