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Abstracts and pre-conference information can be accessed via www.legassembly.act.gov.au/conferences/works/default.htm

Resolution of appointment

On 7 December 2004 the ACT Legislative Assembly agreed to establish general purpose standing committees as follows:

- (1) The following general purpose standing committees be established and each committee to inquire into and report on matters referred to it by the Assembly or matters that are considered by the committee to be of concern to the community: ...
 - (e) a Standing Committee on Planning and Environment to examine matters related to planning, public works and land management, conservation and heritage, transport services, and environment and ecological sustainability....

The Assembly also agreed that if the Assembly is not sitting when the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment has completed consideration of a report on draft plan variations or draft plans of management referred to the Committee by the Minister under the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*, the Committee may send its report to the Speaker, or, in the absence of the Speaker to the Deputy Speaker, who is authorised to give directions for its printing, publication and circulation.¹

Terms of reference

Section 25 of the Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991 (ACT) states:

The Minister shall, within 28 days of receiving a draft plan variation under section 24, refer —

- (a) the draft plan variation; and
 - (b) the documents referred to in section 24 (1) that relate to the draft plan variation;
- to an appropriate committee of the Legislative Assembly together with a request that the committee report on the draft plan to the Legislative Assembly

¹ Legislative Assembly of the ACT, *Minutes of Proceedings*, No. 2–7 December 2004, pp.12–16.

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Introduction

- 1.1 This is a report of the Tenth National Conference of Parliamentary Environment and Public Works Committees, which the Standing Committee on Planning and Environment hosted in Canberra, 28 – 30 September 2005.
- 1.2 The conference theme was Sustainability and Bushfire Recovery. The previous year's conference, held in Melbourne in mid July 2004, had accepted an offer by the then Chair of the Fifth Assembly's Standing Committee on Planning and Environment, Ms Roslyn Dundas, for the ACT to host the 2005 conference. Ms Dundas noted that the ACT had experienced a devastating natural disaster with the bushfires of 2003 and that the conference could focus on the challenges and opportunities for change following disasters, and the public works and environmental issues that are involved in recovery.² This theme was pursued at the 2005 conference.
- 1.3 National conferences for parliamentary public works and environment committees have been held since 1994. Since 2002 both environmental and public works streams have been covered at the one conference. The Commonwealth hosted separate conferences in Canberra in 2001. The ACT previously hosted consecutive public works and environment committee conferences in 1996.
- 1.4 The Sustainability and Bushfire Recovery Conference provided an opportunity for participants to learn of the numerous strategies for managing recovery, sustainability and future bushfire risk that have been adopted by several governments, and ACT business and community organisations in recent years. Counterpart Australian, state and territory parliamentary committees were represented at the conference, as were committee advisers, academics,

² NSW Legislative Assembly, Standing Committee on Public Works, The National Conference of Parliamentary Public Works And Environment Committees 2004, Melbourne and Lorne, Victoria, 'Emerging Challenges and Future Directions for Environment and Public Works Committees', *Report No. 53/03* accessible at <http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/parlament/committee.nsf/0/926131210423B5F9CA256F5B00227D66>.

government officials and non-government organisations. A list of delegates is at [Appendix 1](#).

- 1.5 The conference program is at [Appendix 2](#). Keynote speakers included
 - Mr Jon Stanhope MLA ACT Chief Minister and Minister for the Environment
 - Mr Stuart Ellis AM, Chair, National Bushfire Inquiry
 - Mr Sandy Hollway, Chair, Shaping Our Territory Working Group
 - Mr Jim Gould, CSIRO Forestry and Forests Product
 - Mr John Mackay, CEO, ActewAGL
- 1.6 Some of the outstanding women presenting papers included Ms Lyn Breuer MLA (SA), Dr Susan Nicholls (University of Canberra) and Ms Mary Porter AM MLA (ACT).
- 1.7 During the opening session in the Legislative Assembly Chamber, delegates from around Australia were welcomed to Ngunnawal country by elder Louise Brown.
- 1.8 Three keynote presentations followed. Chief Minister, Mr Jon Stanhope MLA, spoke about the impact of the 2003 bushfires on the ACT community and the Government's environmental response to recovery and its progress so far. He noted that the fires burnt 88% of the ACT's reserve land and most of the fauna on it, 51% of rural land, destroyed 500 homes and tragically, killed 4 people. Mr Stanhope also painted a picture of hope and resilience, and highlighted the Government's focus on sustainability in its substantial (\$130mil) recovery works, and he outlined progress in various areas thus far.
- 1.9 Mr Stuart Ellis, Chair of the COAG National Bushfire Inquiry, emphasised that bushfires will continue to occur and that the responsibility for their mitigation and management must be shared between individuals, landholders, communities, fire and land management agencies, researchers and governments. Decisions about bushfire need to be made within a decision-making framework suggested by the COAG National Bushfire Inquiry as the '5 Rs' – research, information and analysis; risk modification, readiness, response and recovery. Mr Ellis praised the ACT Government's demonstrated leadership following the 2003 bushfires and commended consideration of bushfire response and recovery programs concurrently. He also noted that

terms such as bushfire prevention could be misleading because bushfires are part of Australia's landscape.

- 1.10 Sandy Hollway, Chair of the ACT Government's Shaping Our Territory Working Group, presented 10 lessons from the bushfires and outlined the sustainability features of the proposed eco-villages in the ACT, which will replace the burnt-out villages of Uriarra, Stromlo and Pierces Creek. Mr Hollway advised delegates that short and long term recovery strategies should include leadership and teamwork, open and responsive dedicated government machinery, a sense of urgency, strong political backing and the budget to get the job done.
- 1.11 Later on Wednesday 28 September, delegates enjoyed guided walks at the Australian National Botanic Gardens which focussed on Australian flora's adaptation to fire; a formal welcome by the Assembly Speaker, Mr Wayne Berry; and a performance by Wiradjuri Echo, an Aboriginal dance troupe. The gardens visit provided an opportunity for delegates to appreciate the beauty of Australia's native flora, and to learn about its evolutionary adaptation to fire in the Australian landscape. Many delegates had not previously visited the Gardens, so it was also a wonderful opportunity for them to be introduced to that exceptional national institution. Delegates also enjoyed the fine hospitality provided by *Hudsons' at the Gardens*.
- 1.12 On Friday 30 September 2005 delegates heard from Mr Jim Gould of CSIRO (also on behalf of co-author Dr John Raison), about a likely increase in bushfires because of more common periods of drought and extreme weather events due to climate change. Mr Gould also spoke of the difficulty of providing regional and local scale scenarios using current models. Mr Gould said that extreme events (e.g. days of strong wind, high temperature and low humidity) were critical, but future trends were very uncertain.
- 1.13 Ms Lyn Breuer MLA, presiding member of the of the South Australia Environment Resources and Development Committee, addressed the conference on the 2005 Wangary fires on the lower Eyre Peninsula in SA. The Committee is inquiring into the effects of the fire on native vegetation in the region and related matters. The Committee has thus far considered vegetation recovery, the role of fire access tracks and fire breaks, cold burning regimes, soil degradation, native vegetation management, native fauna, and the need

for better community education about bushfires.

- 1.14 Conference delegates then heard from Mr Hilton Taylor, Acting Director of ACT Forests, who provided an overview of the 2003 bushfire impacts on the ACT forests sector and the recovery process. He discussed road works, erosion control, debris removal, revegetation, and ongoing forward planning. Mr Taylor stressed the need for recovery efforts to involve the community, particularly in plantings.
- 1.15 On Friday 30 September following the first keynote and panel session, delegates divided into two streams, focussing loosely on public works and the built environment, and community engagement.
- 1.16 In stream 1, Mr Paul Lewis, of the ACT Planning and Land Authority, reflected on the challenges faced by fire affected residents rebuilding after the fire and the actions, strategies and information products that the ACT Government has developed to assist them. These include the establishment of the ACT Emergency Services Authority (ESA), declaration of Bushfire Prone Areas and the Bushfire Abatement Zone, release of the *ACT Strategic Bushfire Management Plan* and the *Planning for Bushfire Risk Mitigation Interim Guideline*, as well as development of *Firewise* brochures on *Home Design & Construction* and *Garden Design*. Such documents are intended to inform the public on the need to be prepared for the threat of bushfire. Examples of some of these were provided in delegates' satchels. The ACT Planning & Land Authority, the ACT Department of Urban Services (DUS) and ESA require bushfire risk assessments for new greenfield residential areas and for other existing or proposed developments in bushfire prone areas. Delegates were also taken through the planning that the Planning and Land Authority undertakes to minimise fire risks, particularly for new suburbs and in rural areas.
- 1.17 Mr Peter Galvin, ACT Department of Arts, Heritage and Environment, took delegates through the ACT Government's vision for the new Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve – that wonderful environment that delegates were driven through as part of the Thursday field trip. Highlights of this presentation included an introduction to the proposed new Nature Discovery Centre, riparian exhibit, rock wallaby exhibit, wetlands, and the Indigenous heritage of the Tidbinbilla area.

- 1.18 Mr Barton Williams, of VicUrban, introduced delegates to the sustainability benchmarks that VicUrban is working with, in partnership with the private sector, to realise triple bottom line sustainability in the new mixed use, 8 500 housing estate development known as 'Aurora', 20 km from the Melbourne CBD. Vic Urban's tools for change include a Materials Eco Selector, 6-star house energy building envelopes, solar focussed subdivision design, and use of rainwater for hot water. Mr Williams also outlined the VicUrban Sustainability Charter, which focuses on community wellbeing, environment, commercial success, housing affordability and urban design excellence.
- 1.19 In stream 2, Ms Mary Porter AM MLA discussed the issue of spontaneous volunteers, how to successfully manage post-disaster volunteers, and future opportunities. Volunteering ACT used the 2003 experience as an opportunity to plan for future spontaneity – having learnt (amongst other lessons) of the need for a clearly articulated way of 'directing' the walk-up volunteer, which would include clear identification of roles and responsibilities including a lead agency to manage volunteers, integration amongst emergency response and recovery plans, and the need for consistent and clear information to be provided to the public.
- 1.20 Dr Susan Nicholls, of the University of Canberra, presented a case study of the ACT Government's communication strategy after the 2003 bushfires. Dr Nicholls discussed models of communication activities to demonstrate that an effective and integrated communications strategy is critical for community recovery after a disaster such as a bushfire. The ACT Government's strategies following the 2003 bushfires were examined as a case study.
- 1.21 Ms Chris Healy, Mrs Jo Matthews and Mr Graham Fuller then presented a case study in community involvement in recovery, focussing on the efforts of the Mt Taylor community here in Canberra after the 2003 bushfires. They identified various 'keys to success' including positive outlooks, community drive and spirit, imagination, and on the government side – assistance and facilitation, good communication and honesty.
- 1.22 In concluding stream 2, Mr Chris Stamford, of the Phoenix Association, spoke about his experience as a volunteer and the emotional aspects of helping others. The report of the Phoenix Association's Garden Regeneration Project had been given to delegates in their satchels.

Government responses to Committee reports

- 1.23 During the jurisdictional round-up on Friday afternoon (30 September 2005) committee chairs (or their representatives) from around the country reflected on their experiences since the last conference in terms of their governments' responses to committee reports. Mr Zed Seselja MLA, the deputy chair of this Committee, chaired the session. Delegates had been asked whether it was the case at state and territory level (as alleged federally in *The Sydney Morning Herald*) that millions of taxpayers' dollars have been wasted on parliamentary inquiries whose recommendations have been ignored and left to collect dust.³
- 1.24 Table 1 provides a summary of the jurisdictional reports presented.

Table 1 –

Jurisdiction	Presenter	Position	Key points
ACT	Mr Michael Gentleman MLA	Chair, ACTLA Standing Committee on Planning and Environment	The ACT Government has responded to all of this Assembly's P&E Committee reports except for the most recent reports tabled in September. The ACT does not have a public works committee but the Standing Committee on Public Accounts can inquire into and report on public works during its inquiries into annual and financial reports, financial audits and auditor-general performance audit reports. The Committee's reports on Stromlo and Uriarra villages were discussed.
Australian Parliament	Ms Annette Ellis MP	Member, Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories	The convention, not always honoured, is for a government response to a House of Representatives Committee report to be tabled within 90 days. For e.g., the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories tabled four reports relevant to Norfolk Island July 2001 – 2004, none of which were responded to. The government took just over 12 months to respond to the committee's August 2004 report on the redevelopment of bushfire – affected Pierces Creek, ACT.

³ G. Ryle, G. and L. Pryor, 'Democracy denied', *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 20 June 2005, p.1; G. Ryle, L. Pryor and M. Metherell, 'Senate boss blasts PM's monarchy', *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 21 June 2005, p.1.. See also Australian Parliament, *House of Representatives Hansard*, 23 June 2005, pp.96–105 for a list of committee reports produced by the Australian Parliament's House of Representatives committees, and the small number of government responses to date.

Australian Parliament	Ms Vivienne Courto	Inquiry Secretary, Joint Standing Committee on Public Works (JSCPW)	Since the last conference in July 2004 the JSCPW has tabled 24 reports and considered works to a total estimated value of \$932.915mil. Under the Public Works Committee Act public works referred to the committee cannot commence until the committee has reported to both houses of parliament, and the parliament has voted that it is expedient for the works to be carried out, so the government response rate has been 100%.
NSW	Ms Marie Andrews MLA	Vice chair, Standing Committee on Public Works	The NSW Government responded to the Dec 2004 Report on Joint Use and co-location of Public Buildings with support for various measures and support in principle but subject to review for other recommendations. Interesting conferences were also highlighted.
QLD	Mr Rob McBride	Research Director, Public Works Committee	The Queensland Public Works Committee delivered project-based reports during 2004–05 on: the Upper Coomera State College; The Great Walks of Queensland Project; Queensland Rail Coal Electric Locomotives Upgrade Project (Stage 1) and the Ayr Hospital Redevelopment. Current inquiries are into the redevelopment of the Weipa hospital and five primary health care centres in the Torres Strait. In the last two Parliaments, all reports that required responses were responded to within the required time. Not all recommendations have been accepted, though the majority have been. There are no outstanding responses.
WA	Hon Louise Pratt MLC	Chair, Standing Committee on Environment & Public Affairs	The Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs inquires into petitions as well as matters referred by the House. The previous Committee had a very heavy workload during 2004 which culminated in the tabling of several reports accessible at www.parliament.wa.gov.au . Through the inquiry process matters are brought into sharper focus in the public arena and policy responses often occur prior to the tabling and publication of reports containing recommendations. This was certainly felt to be true in terms of the previous

			Committee's inquiry into the Alcoa Refinery at Wagerup, which took nearly three years to complete, in part because of the inquiry's very broad terms of reference
SA	Ms Lyn Breuer MHA	Presiding Member, Environment, Resources and Development Committee (also representing the Public Works Committee and Natural Resources Committee	The Environment, Resources and Development Committee has concluded 3 inquiries since the last conference – on waste management, plastic bags and marine protected areas. In relation to Development Plan Amendment Reports the Minister has adopted recommendations twice; a compromise position was adopted on another and the Committee withdrew one objection. The Minister has 4 months to table his or her response to Committee recommendations. The Public Works Committee has to consider all public works above \$4mil. Construction cannot commence until the report is tabled.
VIC	Ms Jenny Lindell MLA	Chair, Environment and Natural Resources Committee	Since the last conference the Committee has tabled a report on sustainable communities, making 72 recommendations, and commenced an inquiry into the energy services industry.
TAS	Greg Hall MLC	Member, Joint Standing Committee on Environment, Resources and Development	A government response to the Committee's report on Conservation on Private Land was expected shortly after the conference. The Committee was inquiring into waste management in 2005. The Public Works Committee had released 11 reports since the last conference.
NT	Mr Ted Warren MLA	Chair, Sessional Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development	In February 2005 the previous Sessional Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development concluded its inquiry into the efficacy of establishing an Environmental Protection Agency in the Northern Territory. During debate in the House on the Final Report, Government gave its firm commitment to establish an EPA in the Northern Territory. The Committee recently commenced an inquiry on invasive species in the NT.

Field trip highlights

- 1.25 On Thursday 29 September 2005 the Committee decided to shorten the planned conference field trip because of inclement weather, but not before delegates learnt about numerous recovery initiatives on and around Mount Stromlo, and visited Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve.
- 1.26 On the lower slopes of Mount Stromlo –
- delegates toured the Mt Stromlo Water Treatment Plant. The General Manager, Water, ActewAGL, Mr Asoka Wijeratne highlighted the features of the 250ML/day capacity, \$39.3 mil water treatment plant which had been built following the adverse impacts of the 2003 bushfires and the drought on the catchment's water quality.
 - Greening Australia ACT and SE NSW's Executive Officer, Mr Toby Jones, and Environmental Services Manager, Ms Susie Wilson, outlined the extraordinary contribution ACT volunteers had made to Greening Australia's recovery plantings.
 - They explained that more than 2 800 community volunteers, supported by volunteer bushfire brigades and ACT emergency services, have participated in propagation, planting, watering and other activities. By mid-2005 more than 31 400 native trees, shrubs and grasses have been planted along riparian areas and steep parts of the landscape. A new native revegetation guide has been published, and 53 000 native plants grown.
- 1.27 At the summit of Mount Stromlo the Director of the Mt Stromlo Observatory, Professor Penny Sackett, greeted the delegates, who learnt of the post bushfire recovery works including demolition, clearing and salvage works, new domes and plans for the new Advanced Instrumentation and Technology Centre.
- 1.28 Delegates were then rotated in groups through various activities, including–
- a guided tour of the Mt Stromlo Observatory led by staff from the Australian National University's Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics – Research/Outreach Officer, Mr Vince Ford and Publicity Officer, Ms Natalie Aked; and
 - a presentation about the rebuilding of Stromlo Forest Park by renowned marathon runner Mr Rob De Costella, and former Australian road cyclist and Atlanta Olympian Mr Stephen Hodges. The Executive Director of Strategic Projects and Implementation, Chief Minister's Department (CMD), Mr George Tomlins, and CMD consultant, Mr Ron Maginnes, assisted with these presentations.
- 1.29 Delegates heard that the aim is for Stromlo Forest Park to become a world-

class recreational forest of more than 1 500 hectares, with facilities for major sporting events that will attract local, national and international visitors. The site will ultimately consist of purpose designed cross-country running tracks; a criterium circuit and on-road cycling loop around Mt Stromlo; mountain biking tracks; equestrian tracks; walking tracks; picnic areas; and a large staging area to accommodate spectators for national and international sporting events.

- 1.30 Many delegates also braved the inclement weather and participated in a planting of native saplings and seedlings with Greening Australia staff and volunteers before departing Mt Stromlo.
- 1.31 On the journey to and from Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, delegates heard expert commentary from Ms Jocelyn Plovits, Senior Manager, Shaping our Territory Working Group, about the impact of the fires on Canberra, and recovery initiatives. On the return bus journey, a DVD about the Canberra International Arboretum and Gardens was screened.
- 1.32 At the conference dinner on Thursday evening at the National Museum, John Mackay, Chief Executive Officer of ActewAGL, spoke about ActewAGL's and his personal experience following the 2003 bushfire. After dinner, several interstate and local delegates explored Canberra's nightlife.

Sustainability and Bushfire Recovery Conference Display

- 1.33 For the duration of the conference a Sustainability and Bushfire Recovery Conference Display was mounted in the University House Common Room. This was open to the public on Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 September. Entry was free. Displays included:
 - the winning design for the Canberra International Arboretum and Gardens
 - the concept design for the ACT Bushfire Memorial and layout
 - Tidbinbilla redevelopments
 - plans for Stromlo Forest Park
 - the redevelopment of Uriarra and Stromlo villages
 - EcoWise maps of recovery in catchments and by vegetation communities
 - Australian Native Plant Society Canberra Region Inc information

- Yarralumla Nursery display of fire retardant plants, and
- information about Centrelink's role in responding to emergencies.

Conference organisation

- 1.34 The Committee is of the view that the conference was a resounding success. It reflected well on the ACT Legislative Assembly. Speakers responded well to the conference themes, and session chairs managed proceedings very efficiently. The Committee thanks all the speakers, conference chairs, caterers, display contributors and ACT Assembly staff who assisted with the organisation of the conference. Colleagues in the Committee Office and broader Assembly Secretariat assisted the Committee Secretary in this regard. Officers of the ACT Legislative Assembly who made particularly significant contributions to the success of the conference included Dr Hanna Jaireth, Ms Linzi Lamont, Mr Bob Hill, Ms Judy Munday, Ms Judy Moutia, Mr Tom Duncan, Ms Celeste Italiano, Ms Tamara Shallhorn, Ms Melissa Riches, Ms Libby Camp, Ms Ellie Eggerking, Ms Lauren Hutchins and Mr Ian De Landelles.
- 1.35 The conference display provided an opportunity for organisations to showcase their responsibilities or achievements in responding to the catastrophe of a major bushfire, or to highlight risk-reducing strategies, and their success in integrating sustainability principles in recovery initiatives. All the displays also responded well to delegates' broader interests in public works and environmental issues.
- 1.36 The ACT has set a very high benchmark for the hosts of next year's conference, which will be the Queensland Public Works Committee.

Mick Gentleman, Chair

November 2005

Appendix 1: List of Conference Delegates

Organisation	Name	Position
ACT Legislative Assembly	Mr Wayne Berry	Speaker
ACT Legislative Assembly	Mr Jon Stanhope	Chief Minister, Minister for the Environment
ACT Legislative Assembly	Mr Mick Gentleman	Chair, Standing Committee on Planning and Environment
ACT Legislative Assembly	Mr Tom Duncan	Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
ACT Legislative Assembly	Mr Zed Seselja	Deputy Chair, Standing Committee on Planning and Environment
ACT Legislative Assembly	Ms Mary Porter AM	Member, Standing Committee on Planning and Environment
ACT Legislative Assembly	Dr Deb Foskey	Member
ACT Legislative Assembly	Dr Hanna Jaireth	Secretary, Standing Committee on Planning & Environment
ACT Legislative Assembly	Ms Linzi Lamont	Administrative Assistant, Committee Office
ACT Legislative Assembly	Ms Celeste Italiano	Projects Officer
ACT Legislative Assembly	Ms Tamara Smallhorn	PA to Clerk of the ACT Legislative Assembly
ACT Legislative Assembly	Ms Andrea Cullen	Secretary, Standing Committee on Public Accounts
ACT Legislative Assembly	Ms Melissa Riches	Assistant Education Officer
ACT Legislative Assembly	Ms Lauren Hutchins	Adviser, Office of Mr Mick Gentleman MLA
ACT Legislative Assembly	Mr Ian De Landelles	Adviser, Office of Ms Mary Porter AM MLA
ACT Government	Mr Hilton Taylor	Acting Director, Environment ACT
ACT Government	Mr Sandy Hollway	Chair, Shaping Our Territory Working Group
ACT Government	Mr Steve Amos	Contract Supervisor, Canberra Urban Parks & Places
ACT Government	Ms Chris Healy	Director, Asbestos Project Team, Chief Minister's Department
ACT Government	Mr Russell Watkinson	Director, Canberra Urban Parks and Places
ACT Government	Mr George Tomlins	Executive Director, Chief Minister's Department
ACT Government	Miss Michelle Gilbert	GAA, Arts, Heritage and Environment
ACT Government	Mr Paul Lewis	Manager, ACT Planning and Land Authority

ACT Government	Ms Kerry Webb	Manager, Community Recovery & Emergency Planning
ACT Government	Mr Peter Galvin	Manager, Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, Arts, Heritage & Environment
ACT Government	Ms Jocelyn Plovits	Senior Manager, Chief Minister's Department
ACT Government	Ms Kamehn Schrader	Senior Officer, ACT Community Recovery & Emergency Planning
ActewAGL	Mr John Mackay	Chief Executive Officer
Australian Government	Ms Frankie Seymour	Assistant Director, Environment and Sustainability Reporting Section, DEH
Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre	Dr Maria Taranto	Project Manager
Canberra Ornithologists Group	Ms Jenny Bounds	Conservation Officer
Conservation Council South-East Region and Canberra	Ms Trish Harrup	Director
CSIRO	Mr Jim Gould	Research Leader, Ensis, Bushfire Behaviour and Management
Department of Transport & Regional Services	Mr David Jenkins	Programme Manager, Natural Disaster Mitigation
House of Representatives	Ms Vivienne Courto	Inquiry Secretary, Joint Standing Committee on Public Works
House of Representatives	Ms Julia Thoener	Inquiry Secretary, Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage
House of Representatives	Mr Barry Wakelin	Member, Joint Standing Committee on Public Works
House of Representatives	Mr Raymond Knight	Research Officer
House of Representatives	Mr Ian Dundas	Secretary, Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage
Leading Emergency Services Pty Ltd	Mr Stuart Ellis AM	Director
Mt Taylor Estate Residents' Association	Mrs Joanne Matthews	Community Representative
Mt Taylor Estate Residents' Association	Mr Graham Fuller	President
National Parks Association of ACT	Mr Chris Emery	Committee Member
National Parks Association of ACT	Ms Christine Goonrey	Secretary
NSW Legislative Assembly	Mrs Marie Andrews	Member, Standing Committee on Public Works

NSW Legislative Assembly	Mr Stephen Pringle	Member, Standing Committee on Public Works
NSW Parliament	Ms Carolynne James	Committee Manager, Standing Committee on Public Works
NT Legislative Assembly	Mr Ted Warren	Chair, Sessional Committee on Environment & Sustainable Development
NT Legislative Assembly	Mr Terry Hanley	Secretary, Sessional Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development
QLD Legislative Assembly	Mr Don Livingstone	Chair, Queensland Public Works Committee
QLD Legislative Assembly	Mr Ted Malone	Member, Queensland Public Works Committee
QLD Legislative Assembly	Mr Rob McBride	Research Director, Queensland Public Works Committee
SA House of Assembly	Mr Knut Cudarans	Committee Secretary, Natural Resources Committee
SA House of Assembly	Ms Lyn Breuer	Presiding Member, Environment, Resources and Development Committee
SA House of Assembly	Ms Alison Meeks	Research Officer, Environment, Resources and Development Committee
SA House of Assembly	Mr Philip Frensham	Secretary, Environment, Resources and Development Committee
TAS House of Assembly	Hon Sue Napier	Member, Tasmanian Public Works Committee
TAS Legislative Council	Hon Paul Harriss	Chair, Standing Committee on Public Works
TAS Legislative Council	Hon Doug Parkinson	Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Environment, Resources & Development
TAS Legislative Council	Hon Tania Rattray-Wagner	Member, Environment, Resources & Development Committee
TAS Legislative Council	Mr Greg Hall	Member, Joint Standing Committee on Environment, Resources & Development
TAS Legislative Council	Mrs Sue McLeod	Secretary, Environment, Resources & Development Committee
TAS Parliament	Mr Shane Donnelly	Secretary, Public Works Committees
University Of Canberra	Dr Susan Nicholls	Lecturer
VIC Legislative Assembly	Ms Jenny Lindell	Chair, Environment and Natural Resources Committee
VIC Legislative Assembly	Ms Caroline Williams	Executive Officer, Environment and Natural Resources Committee
VIC Legislative Assembly	Ms Joanne Duncan	Member, Environment and Natural Resources Committee
VIC Legislative Assembly	Mr George Seitz	Member, Environment and Natural Resources Committee
VicUrban	Mr Barton Williams	Project Director, Sustainability - Environment & Urban Design

WA Legislative Assembly	Ms Nicole Burgess	Research Officer, Community Development And Justice Standing Committee
WA Legislative Assembly	Ms Katherine Galvin	Principal Research Officer
WA Legislative Assembly	Ms Katie Hodson-Thomas	Member, Community Development & Justice Standing Committee
WA Legislative Assembly	Ms Judy Hughes	Member, Community Development & Justice Standing Committee
WA Legislative Assembly	Mr Tony O’Gorman	Chair, Community Development & Justice Standing Committee
WA Legislative Council	Ms Stefanie Dobro	Advisory Officer
WA Legislative Council	Hon Paul Llewellyn	Member, Environment and Public Affairs Standing Committee
WA Legislative Council	Hon Louise Pratt	Chair, Standing Committee on Environment & Public Affairs
Wollongong City Council	Ms Sally Perry	Bushfire Project Officer

Appendix 2: Conference Program

The conference program is accessible at

<<http://www.parliament.act.gov.au/conferences/works/WorksCon05.pdf>>.