



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

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Inquiry into Ecological Carrying Capacity of the ACT and Region

Terms of Reference

The Standing Committee on Climate Change, Environment and Water resolves that:

- 1) The Committee inquire into and report on the ecological carrying capacity of the ACT and region including the following matters:
 - a) The resources available to the ACT in terms of water, energy, and food sourced from within the Territory and outside it;
 - b) Effective measures for assessing ecological footprint and carrying capacity;
 - c) Current levels of resource use by ACT residents, including:
 - i) The current size of the ACT urban, ecological and carbon footprints and how this compares to national averages and similar sized cities globally; and
 - ii) Trends in resource use in the ACT and the sustainability or otherwise of these trends continuing.
 - d) A sustainable level of resource use, in terms of ACT urban, ecological and carbon footprints, for the ACT;
 - e) Appropriate ecological carrying capacities based on current, higher and lower consumption models;
 - f) Effective measures for reducing the ACT's ecological footprint;
 - g) The environmental, economic and social impacts of reduced resource consumption and a sustainable population;
 - h) The role of the ACT in the region in relation to population and resource use;
 - i) Relevant infrastructure issues; and
 - j) Any other relevant matter.