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The Environment and Resources Committee is a select committee of the Queensland Parliament. It was established by resolution of the House on 23 April 2009 to monitor and report on: environmental protection; climate change; land management; water security; and energy.

Media Release

Parliamentary hearing to look at meeting Queensland's electricity needs from renewables

The future of Queensland's renewable energy electricity sector will be under the spotlight at a parliamentary hearing in Brisbane on Friday 17 September 2010. Parliament's Environment and Resources Committee will hear evidence from leading energy experts, industry bodies, government officers, regional development bodies and consumer groups.

Committee Chair and Member for Pumicestone, Carryn Sullivan MP, said the committee will use the hearing on Friday to gain a clearer picture of the worth of existing renewable energy projects funded by Queensland taxpayers.

"We will also explore the risks and benefits of other projects on the horizon such as the recently announced Wabo Hydroelectricity Project proposal in Papua New Guinea" Mrs Sullivan said.

The hearing is the second held by the committee for its inquiry into growing Queensland's renewable energy electricity sector.

The inquiry commenced in May 2010 is examining the opportunities and challenges for the Queensland Government associated with increasing the proportion of electricity generated from renewable energy sources in Queensland. For this inquiry, the committee will consider, and make recommendations on:

- the value for money from the Queensland Government's investments in renewable energy projects for electricity generation;
- whether the Queensland Government should adopt a target for increasing the proportion of the state's electricity generated from renewable energy sources, and if so, what form the target should take; and
- actions the Queensland Government should take to encourage investment by government-owned energy companies and the private sector in producing more electricity from renewable energy sources.

The committee will report its findings to Parliament in November 2010.

For further information contact the committee's secretariat at Parliament House ph 3406 7908 or 1800 504 022.