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Committee inquiry continues into Western Power's & Horizon Power's wooden power poles

The Committee is inquiring into issues surrounding the transmission and distribution of electricity in Western Australia, with particular interest in the use of wooden power poles on the network. The terms of reference for the Inquiry can be found at: <http://bit.ly/woodenpowerpoles>.

The Inquiry follows up matters raised in the Report released by Energy Safety entitled *2008 Distribution Wood Pole Audit Review* (May 2009). This report found that the inspection methods used by Western Power required improvement.

The period for written submissions has ended. The Committee is now in the process of reviewing all the submissions, which included submissions from the Office of Energy, City of Perth, Shire of Toodyay, and WA Farmers Federation.

Further hearings are planned to obtain evidence from Western Power and Horizon Power. Committee Hearings are generally public and advice on future hearings will be posted on the Committee's website.

Hon. Max Trenorden MLC
Chairman