

# Legislative Council



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## STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS Inquiry into the Sandalwood Industry in Western Australia

The Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs has commenced an inquiry into the Sandalwood Industry in Western Australia as a result of preliminary inquiries it has conducted in relation to Petition No. 152 (Request for a Royal Commission into the Forest Products Commission) tabled in the Legislative Council on 20 March 2012.

The inquiry's Terms of Reference are as follows:

The Committee is to inquire into and report on the regulation and management of the sandalwood industry in Western Australia; in particular:

- a) the regulation and management of the harvesting of wild sandalwood;
- b) the regulation and management of the sales of wild sandalwood;
- c) the environmental sustainability of wild sandalwood; and
- d) any other relevant matters.

The Committee invites written submissions from interested persons. A submission must address the Terms of Reference. People who have already lodged a submission in relation to Petition No. 152 need not provide another submission.

Written information about the form and content of submissions can be obtained from the Committee Office or viewed on Parliament's website at [www.parliament.wa.gov.au](http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au).

Submissions received after **19 October 2012** are unlikely to be considered.

Submissions should be addressed to Mr Mark Warner, Committee Clerk, Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs, Legislative Council, Parliament House, Perth WA 6000 (fax 9222 7805).

For media inquiries, contact the Chair of the Committee, Hon Brian Ellis MLC, on 9222 7890 (Parliament House), 9923 9211 (Electorate Office) or 0429 082 332 (Mobile).

Other inquiries should be addressed to Mr Mark Warner, Committee Clerk, on 9222 7410 or [mwarner@parliament.wa.gov.au](mailto:mwarner@parliament.wa.gov.au).

**Hon Brian Ellis MLC**  
**Chair**