

## Schedule of Current Commissioned Projects

Topic	Timing				No. of subs
	ToR received	Issues Paper	Draft	Final	
Productivity Review	7 Feb 2022	21 Feb call for Subs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interim 1 (3 Aug)</li> <li>• Interim 2 (23 Aug)</li> <li>• Interim 3 (26 Sept)</li> <li>• Interim 4 (28 Sept)</li> <li>• Interim 5 (4 Oct)</li> <li>• Interim 6 (13 Oct)</li> </ul> <b>Hearings</b> 7-8 Nov	Feb 2023	182 submissions 5 comments (at 4 Nov)
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Visual Arts and Crafts	5 Aug 2021	21 Sept 2021	19 Jul 2022	Nov 2022	62 submissions 10 comments (at 4 Nov)
National School Reform Agreement review	7 Apr 2022	9 May call for subs	14 Sept 2022 (Interim)	31 Dec 2022	117 submissions 75 comments (at 4 Nov)
Review of Progress on Closing the Gap	7 Apr 2022	'Engagement approach' released Jul 6 2022  'Approach to the Review' released 27 Oct	To be advised	Final report to Joint Council Dec 2023  Final report release to be advised	0 (at 4 Nov)
Australia's Maritime Logistics System	10 Dec 2021	20 Dec 2021 call for subs	9 September 2022  <b>Hearing</b> Nov 4	Dec 2022	131 submissions 6 comments (at 4 Nov)
Carer Leave	23 Feb 2022	15 Jul 2022	Early Feb 2023	May 2023	39 submissions 5 comments (at 4 Nov)

## Other current work

Competitive neutrality complaint against NBN Co	Complaint received 20 October 2020 Currently under investigation
Competitive neutrality complaint against Australia Post	Complaint received 24 February 2022 Currently under investigation
Report On Government Services	2022 Mid-year data update released 7 June 2022 2023 full report due to be released in stages across January and February 2023
Closing the Gap work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Information repository:</b> Reports to be released in stages in March and June 2023.</li> <li>• <b>Dashboard:</b> update released June 2022</li> <li>• <b>Annual Data Compilation</b> report: released July 2022. Next report is anticipated for July 2023.</li> <li>• <b>Closing the Gap Review:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ToR received 7 April 2022</li> <li>○ Draft report release: to be advised</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	○ Final report release: December 2023
Water desk	Ongoing
As per website at 4 Nov 2022.	

## Ongoing annual reporting publications

Topic	Description	Release/Expected
Trade and Assistance Review	These annual reports contain the Commission's latest estimates of Commonwealth assistance to industry. They also examine recent developments in assistance to various sectors of the economy, changes in Australia's foreign investment levels and policies, and recent international policy developments affecting Australia's trade.	2020-21 released 5 August 2022
Productivity Insights	The Commission is charged with promoting public understanding of productivity issues and concepts. The annual insights unpacks and analyses the latest ABS productivity statistics, and details and comments on trends and new developments underlying Australia's recent productivity performance.	2021 released 17 June 2021

## Anticipated References (legislated)

Topic	Anticipated Timing	Notes
Future Drought Fund	<b>Terms of Reference</b> November 2022  <b>Call for submissions</b> November 2022  <b>Final report</b> June 2023	<i>Future Drought Fund Act 2019 (Part 3, Div 4, Sect 32A) - effectiveness of Part 3 of this Act:</i> <i>(a) including an assessment of the effectiveness of the Drought Resilience Funding Plan; and</i> <i>(b) having regard to economic, social and environmental outcomes.</i>  Required within 3 years of the Drought Resilience Funding Plan coming into force
Basin Plan and the water resource plans	<b>Terms of Reference</b> January 2023  <b>Call for submissions</b> February 2023  <b>Final report</b> December 2023	<i>Water Act 2007 (Part 3. 87) - effectiveness of the implementation of the Basin Plan and the water resource plans</i>  Required every 5 years  The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water is the lead agency for administration of the Act. The Department is preparing draft Terms of Reference.
National Water Initiative	<b>Terms of Reference</b> Mid-2023 [tbc]  <b>Call for submissions</b> tbc  <b>Final report</b> tbc	<i>Water Act 2007 (Part 3. 88) - progress of parties to the National Water Initiative towards achieving the objectives and outcomes of the National Water Initiative</i>  Required every 3 years  The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water is the lead agency for

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## Recently Completed Projects

Topic	Timing		No. Subs
	ToR received	Final release	
Aged Care Employment Study	23 February 2022	21 October 2022	50 submissions 37 comments (at 21 October 2022)
Housing and Homelessness Agreement Review Study	13 December 2021	30 September 2022	105 submissions 8 comments (at 21 October 2022)
The Nuisance Cost of Tariffs	NA	5 August 2022	4 submissions
Public Transport Pricing	NA	15 December 2021	NA
Wealth Transfers and their Economic Effects	NA	7 December 2021	NA
Register of Foreign-owned Water Entitlements	4 December 2020	2 December 2021	17 (and 1 brief comment)
Right to Repair	29 October 2020	1 December 2021	243 (and 243 comments)

## Older projects

Topic	ToR received	Final release	No. Subs
Stocktake of current mental health and suicide prevention programs	3 March 2021 (request from Treasurer for the NFRC)	TBC (will not be released until after the completion of the National Agreement on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention)	NA
National Water Reform	22 May 2020	2 September 2021	194 (109 initial and 85 post-draft)
Vulnerable Supply Chains	19 February 2021	13 August 2021	59 (and 2 comments)
Review of National Agreement for Skills and Workforce Development (study)	15 Nov 2019	21 Jan 2021	158 (63 initial & 95 post-draft)
Resources Sector Regulation (study)	6 Aug 2019	10 Dec 2020	98 (53 initial & 45 post-draft)
Indigenous Evaluation Strategy (project)	10 April 2019 (letter of direction)	30 October 2020	180 (112 initial & 68 post-draft)
Mental Health (inquiry)	23 Nov 2018	16 Nov 2020	1244 (564 initial & 680 post-draft)
National Transport Regulatory Reform (inquiry)	5 Apr 2019	1 Oct 2020	82 (44 initial & 38 post-draft)
Expenditure on Children in the Northern Territory (study)	14 Mar 2019	8 April 2020	50 (32 initial & 18 post-draft)
Remote Area Tax Concessions and Payments (study)	28 Nov 2018	26 Feb 2020	199 (98 initial & 101 post-draft)

Compensation and Rehabilitation for Veterans (inquiry)	27 Mar 2018	4 Jul 2019	314 (153 initial, 161 post-draft)
Economic Regulation of Airports (inquiry)	22 Jun 2018	22 Oct 2019	185 (88 initial, 97 post-draft)
Growing the Digital Economy and Maximising Opportunities for Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs)*	3 Aug 2018	14 Feb 2019	N/A
National Disability Agreement Review (Study)	25 May 2018	1 Feb 2019	72
Murray-Darling Basin Plan: Five-year assessment (Inquiry)	7 Mar 2018	25 Jan 2019	143 (89 initial, 54 post-draft)
Superannuation: Assessing Efficiency and Competitiveness (Inquiry)	30 Jun 2017	10 Jan 2019	232 (100 initial, 132 post-draft)
Competition in the Australian Financial System (Inquiry)	8 May 2017	3 Aug 2018	133 (52 initial, 85 post-draft)
Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation (Inquiry)	5 May 2017	5 Jul 2018	132 (56 initial, 67 post-draft & 9 brief subs)
National Water Reform (Inquiry)	1 Feb 2017	31 May 2018	145 (83 initial & 62 post-draft)
Transitioning Regional Economies (Study)	15 Dec 2016	15 Dec 2017	81 (37 initial & 44 post-draft)
Collection Models for GST on Low Value Imported Goods (Inquiry)	30 Jun 2017	9 Nov 2017	44 (39 Initial & 5 supplementary)
Human Services: Reforms to Human Services (Inquiry)	29 Apr 2016	26 Mar 2018	203 (91 Initial & 112 post-draft)
Shifting the Dial: 5-year productivity review	16 Sept 2016	22 Oct 2017	
National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Costs (Study)	20 Jan 2017	19 Oct 2017	372 (206 initial & 166 post-position paper)

\*The Productivity Commissions of Australia and New Zealand undertook a joint research to examine priority areas for growing the digital economy, in particular opportunities for SMEs. The joint work commenced in September 2018, and the final research report was handed to the Australian Government on 31 January 2019, and publically released on 14 February 2019.

Self-Initiated Research	Report release
The Nuisance Cost of Tariffs	5 August 2022
Public transport pricing	15 December 2021
Wealth transfers and their economic effects	7 December 2021
Innovations in care for chronic health conditions	3 November 2021
Australia's Prison Dilemma	29 October 2021
Small business access to finance	30 September 2021
Working from home	16 September 2021
Things you can't drop on your feet: An overview of Australia's services sector productivity	15 April 2021
Why Did Young People's Incomes Decline?***	30 July 2020

Foreign Investment in Australia	23 June 2020
Funding and Financing Integrated Water Cycle Management	18 March 2020
Productivity Insights: Can Australia be a productivity leader?	13 March 2020
Productivity Insights: Recent productivity trends	17 February 2020
Vulnerable Private Renters: Evidence and Options	25 September 2019
The Demand Driven University System: A mixed report card	17 June 2019
Rising Inequality? A stocktake of the evidence	28 Aug 2018

\*\* Accompanied by a staff working paper 'Climbing the jobs ladder slower: Young people in a weak labour market', released 27 July 2020