
A Conduct of the inquiry

A.1 Introduction

The Commission received a total of 303 submissions during the inquiry — 214 were received prior to the release of the draft report in May 1999 and a further 89 following its release. All submissions are listed in section A.2. Those with the prefix ‘D’ were received following the draft report. In addition, those who provided comment on the draft report at public hearings are shown in section A.3.

The Commission also held extensive informal discussions with organisations, companies and individuals to gain background information and an understanding of the issues affecting country Australia. Informal discussions with groups of interested parties have been held in 75 mainly rural and remote communities throughout Australia. The regions visited by the Commission are presented in section A.4. Section A.5 lists those organisations which participated in the regional discussions, and also a modelling workshop held in Canberra.

A.2 List of submissions

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Country Women's Association of N.S.W.	D251
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Davies, Susan (MLA)	87
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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Commonwealth)	165
Department of Transport and Regional Services (Commonwealth)	191/207
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Gold Coast City Council	3
Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission	D229/D290
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Grains Council of Australia	39
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Motor Trades Association of Australia	D256
Mount Isa City Council	54/201
Municipal Association of Victoria	171/D276
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Technology Group Pty Limited	D284
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<i>Participant</i>	<i>Sub. No</i>
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Toowoomba City Council	D252
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A.3 Participants at public hearings

<i>Date</i>	<i>Participant</i>
Adelaide 22 June 1999	Local Government Association of South Australia South Australian Farmers' Federation
Perth 23 June 1999	Goldfields Esperance Development Commission Shire of Jerramungup The Pastoralists' and Graziers' Association Wheatbelt Development Committee
Tamworth 29 June 1999	Colly Cotton Ltd Country Women's Association Hunter Economic Development Corporation New South Wales Farmer's Association New South Wales Farmers Chicken Meat Group North and North-West Pharmacists Association Tamworth City Council University of New England (Roger Epps) University of New England (Tony Sorenson)
Albury 1 July 1999	Ernie Bridge, MLA (WA) and Watering Australia Foundation Murray Regional Development Broad Towong Shire Council
Launceston 5 July 1999	Circular Head Council Dick Adams, MP Launceston City Council National Association of Retail Grocers of Australia and Tasmanian Independent Wholesalers Rod Linger Tasmanian Women's Advisory Group
Bendigo 7 July 1999	Anne Hughes and Robin Hughes Bendigo Trust City of Greater Bendigo Doug Lloyd Glenelg Shire Goulburn-Murray Water Greg McRae Fine Furniture Latrobe Shire Council Visitor's Information Centre, Bendigo Sandhurst Trustees

<i>Date</i>	<i>Participant</i>
Toowoomba 12 July 1999	Boonah Shire Council Business Success Group Canegrowers Civil Contractors Federation (Queensland Branch) Hon Lawrence Springborg MLA Hon Russell Cooper MLA Mike Horan, MLA, (Qld) Queensland Farmers' Federation South-West Regional Council of the Queensland Chamber of Commerce and Industry Rural Policy Institute Toowoomba and Golden West Regional Tourist Authority Toowoomba City Council
Townsville 14 July 1999	Bob Katter MP (Qld) Burdekin Shire Council Ernie Bridge, MLA (WA) and Watering Australia Foundation Townsville City Council
Canberra 20-21 July 1999	Australian Gas Association Australian Pipeline Industry Association Balanced State Development Working Group Brian Button Council of Small Business Organisations of Australia Grains Council of Australia Hon Rob Borbidge MLA (Qld) Junee Shire Council Macquarie Food and Fibre Murrumbidgee Irrigation Limited National Farmers' Federation New South Wales Irrigators' Council One Nation Party Robert Caldwell

A.4 Locations at which meetings were held

<i>State/Territory</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>State/Territory</i>	<i>Location</i>
New South Wales	Armidale		Emerald
	Albury		Longreach
	Bega		Mackay
	Broken Hill		Mount Isa
	Cooma		Rockhampton
	Cootamundra		Roma
	Dubbo		Toowoomba
	Goulburn		Townsville
	Griffith		
	Leeton	Western Australia	Albany
	Lismore		Bunbury
	Maitland		Kalgoorlie
	Moree		Katanning
	Narromine		Kununurra
	Newcastle		Mandurah
	Nowra		Narrogin
	Orange		Northam
	Parkes		Perth
	Port Macquarie		Port Hedland
	Sydney		
	Tamworth	South Australia	Adelaide
	Wagga Wagga		Mt Gambier
	West Wyalong		Port Augusta
	Yass		Port Lincoln
			Whyalla
Victoria	Ballarat	Tasmania	Burnie
	Bendigo		Devonport
	Colac		Hadspen
	Hamilton		Hobart
	Horsham		Launceston
	Korumburra		Oatlands
	Melbourne		Scottsdale
	Mildura		Sorell
	Portland		
	Shepparton		
	Traralgon	ACT	Canberra
	Warrnambool		
	Wycheproof	Northern Territory	Darwin
Queensland	Atherton		Katherine
	Brisbane		Nganmarriyanga
	Cairns		(Palumpa Station)

A.5 Consultations and regional discussions

Regional discussions

The following section details participants who attended the Commission's informal regional discussions. It lists only *organisations* represented at each of the meetings. The Commission extends its gratitude to all of the other participants who appeared in a private capacity (eg interested individuals, pharmacists, newsagents, store owners, farmers) at these meetings.

New South Wales

Armidale

- Armidale City Council
- Department of State and Regional Development
- Dumaresq Shire Council
- Financial Management Research Centre
- Guyra Shire Council
- New England/North West Regional Development Board
- New South Wales Farmers' Federation
- Premier's Department
- Universita Dorthmund (Germany)
- University of New England
- Uralla Shire Council

Albury-Wodonga

- Albury City Council
- Cosgrove and Eastoe Valuers
- Department of State Development (NSW)
- Investment Albury Wodonga
- Office of Rural Affairs, Dept of Natural Resources (Vic)
- Westpac Banking Corporation
- Wodonga City Council
- Wodonga TAFE

Bega

- Bega Chamber of Commerce and Industry

- Bega Valley Shire Council
- Cirtec
- Cobargo Cooperative
- Far South Coast Catchment Management Authority
- Great Southern Energy
- Harris Diashowa
- New South Wales Farmers' Federation
- Office of Senator Margaret Reid
- Southern Farm Supplies

Broken Hill

- Australian Inland Energy
- Broken Hill Chamber of Commerce
- Broken Hill City Council
- Broken Hill Enterprise Development Centre
- Central Darling Shire Council
- Far West Area Health
- Far Western Regional Development Board
- New South Wales Agriculture
- Outback Regional Development Organisation

Cooma

- Bombala Shire Council
- Cooma Business Enterprise Centre
- Cooma Shire Council
- Cooma Unlimited
- Great Southern Energy
- New South Wales Farmers' Association

Cooma - continued

- Snowy Mountains Hydro Electricity Authority
- Snowy River Council

Cootamundra

- Cootamundra Business and Retail Committee
- Cootamundra Development Corporation/BEC
- Cootamundra Shire Council
- Harden Shire Council
- Junee Shire Council
- New South Wales Farmers' Association
- RRDB
- Tumut Shire Council
- Young Shire Council

Dubbo

- Advance Energy
- ANZ Banking Corporation
- Barwon Darling Alliance
- Coonabarabran Shire Council
- Dubbo Chamber of Commerce
- Dubbo City Development Corporation
- Dubbo District Council
- Fletcher TNT Exports
- Macquarie River Food and Fibre
- Macquarie Rural Advisory Service Inc.
- Mudgee BEC
- National Meat Association
- Office of Tony Lawler MP
- Orana Development and Employment Council
- Orana Regional Development Board
- Premiers' Department
- Small Business People Central West
- Wellington-Orana BEC

Goulburn

- Department of State and Regional Development
- Goulburn City Council

- Mulwaree Shire Council
- New South Wales Agriculture
- Southern Meats
- Wingecarribee Shire Council

Griffith

- Alpens (Griffith) Pty Limited
- Griffith City Council
- Murray Irrigation Limited
- New South Wales Food Forum
- Riverina Regional Development Board
- SRIDC

Leeton

- Coleambally Irrigation Corporation
- Leeton Shire Council
- MIA Council of Horticultural Association
- Murray Regional Development Board
- Murray Valley Voice
- Murrumbidgee Irrigation
- National Foods Juice Limited
- New South Wales Rice Marketing Board
- Ricegrowers Co-operative
- Rice Management Board
- Rockdale Beef PC

Lismore

- Byron Shire Council
- Grafton City Council
- Lismore City Council
- New South Wales Farmers' Association
- Northern Rivers Regional Organisation of Councils
- Tweed Shire Council
- Ulmarra Shire Council

Maitland

- Cessnock City Council
- Hunter Regional Organisations of Councils
- Maitland City Council
- Port Stephens Council

Moree

- Business Enterprise Centre
- Gwydir Valley Cotton Growers' Association
- Gwydir Valley Irrigators Association Inc.
- Gwydir Water Users Association
- Moree and District Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Moree Plains Shire Council
- New England/North West Regional Development Board
- Webb & Boland (Solicitors)

Narromine

- Kingtread Pty Ltd
- Narromine High School
- Narromine Services Club
- Narromine Shire Council

Newcastle

- Australian Business Chamber
- Newcastle and Hunter Business Chamber

Nowra

- Australian Paper
- Gates Rubber
- Illawarra Institute of Technology
- Illawarra Mercury
- Kiama Shire Council
- Morton and Harrison Solicitors
- National Australia Bank
- Nowra Chamber of Commerce
- Nowra Coaches
- Nowra Manufacturers' Association
- Nowra Newsagency
- Office of Joanna Gash MP
- Peter Price and Associates
- Shoalhaven Council
- Shoalhaven Water
- Tait, Miller and McIntyre (Accountants)

Orange

- New South Wales Agriculture
- Orange Agricultural College

Parkes

- Inland Marketing Corporation
- Lachlan Shire Council
- Parkes Business Inc.
- Parkes Shire Council

Port Macquarie

- Australia's Holiday Coast Development Board
- Department of Fair Trading
- Hastings Beef
- Hastings Co-operative Ltd
- Hastings Council
- Kempsey Timbers Pty Ltd
- Laurieton Chamber of Commerce
- Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce

Sydney

- NSW Cabinet Office
- NSW Chamber of Fruit and Vegetable Growers
- NSW Department of State and Regional Development
- NSW Farmers' Association
- NSW Irrigators Council
- NSW Local Government and Shires Association
- NSW Premier's Department
- NSW Treasury Department

Tamworth

- Tamworth Chamber of Commerce
- Tamworth City Council
- Tamworth Development Corporation

Wagga Wagga

- Charles Sturt University
- Federal Member for Riverina (Kay Hull MP)
- Freight Corp
- Great Southern Energy
- Murrumbidgee Dairy Products
- New South Wales MP for Wagga (Joe Schipp)

Wagga Wagga - continued

- Premiers Department
- Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils
- Riverina Institute of TAFE
- Rivmilk Co-operative Limited
- Tumbarumba Shire Council
- Wagga Wagga City Council
- Wagga Wagga Economic Development Board
- Wine Grapes Marketing Board
- Women in Dairying

West Wyalong

- Bland Shire Council
- Charles Sturt Motor Inn
- Department of Land and Water Conservation
- Elders Limited
- McClintock and Co
- Milly Milly Council
- New South Wales Agriculture
- Town Advancement Group
- Western Motors

Yass

- Country Womens' Association
- New South Wales Farmers' Association
- Transgrid Electricity Corporation
- Yass Chamber of Commerce
- Yass Shire Council

Victoria

Ballarat

- Ballarat Health Services
- Department of Infrastructure (Regional office)
- Lyco Industries
- Net Connect
- Surf Coast Shire Council
- Victorian Farmers' Federation

Bendigo

- BenCon
- Business Victoria
- City of Greater Bendigo
- Goninan
- LaTrobe University
- Shire of Loddon
- VECCI

Colac

- Associated Kiln Driers
- CM Timber Processing
- Colac Otway Shire Council

Hamilton

- Glenelg Region Water Authority
- Hamilton Region 2000
- Legislative Council
- National Party of Australia, Womens' Council
- Southern Grampians Shire Council

Horsham

- Australian Women in Agriculture
- Hindmarsh Shire Council
- Horsham Rural City Council
- Luv-a-duck Pty Ltd
- Northern Grampians Shire Council
- Wimmera 2000
- Wimmera Catchment Authority
- Wimmera Development Association
- Yarriambiack Shire Council

Korumburra

- Bass Coast Shire Council
- Baw Baw Shire Council
- Bonlac Foods
- Brotherhood of St Laurence
- CEPU
- Droun Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Koweerup Regional Health Service
- Member for Gippsland West

Korumburra - continued

- South Gippsland Shire Council

Melbourne

- Municipal Association of Victoria
- Murray Goulburn Co-operative Co Ltd
- National Competition Council
- National Road Transport Commission
- Telstra Corporation
- United Dairyfarmers of Victoria
- Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Victorian Farmers' Federation

Mildura

- Area Consultative Committee
- Boulevarde Nurseries
- Department of Natural Resources and Energy
- Department of Regional Development
- Lower Murray Water
- Mallee Family Care
- Mallee Murray Trades and Labour Council
- Mildura City Council
- Mildura District Educational Council Inc.
- Mildura Senior College
- Murray Valley Citrus Marketing Board
- Murray Valley Winegrape Development Commission
- Riverlink Council (Horticulture Centres)
- Sunraysia Citrus Growers
- Sunraysia Daily
- Sunraysia Group Training Ltd
- Sunraysia Institute of TAFE
- Sunraysia Rural Water Authority
- Thomas Consulting Group
- Trascotland Australia Pty Ltd
- Victoria Winegrape Growers Council
- Wakefield Transport

Portland

- Business Development Advisory Committee
- Glenelg Shire Council
- Portland Coast Region Water Authority
- Port of Portland

Shepparton

- Bendigo Council
- Garrets Waste Management
- Goulburn Valley Hotel
- Murray Valley Shire Council
- NP and UT Dairy Farmers
- Powercor
- Shepparton Chamber of Commerce
- Shepparton Council
- Shepparton News

Traralgon

- Advance Morwell
- Gippsland Area Consultative Commission
- Gippsland Trades and Labour Council
- LaTrobe Shire Council
- Moe Development Group
- Monumental Masons
- Office of MHR for McMillan

Warrnambool

- Deakin University (Warrnambool Campus - Social Research area)
- Deakin University Centre for Regional Development
- Warrnambool City Council
- Warrnambool Economic Development Authority

Wycheproof

- Buloke Shire Council
- Charlton and District Ambulance
- Grampians Region Water Authority
- Wycheproof 2000

Wycheproof - continued

- Wycheproof and District Health Services
- Wycheproof Lions Club
- Wycheproof P-12 College
- Wycheproof Post Office
- Wycheproof Shire Council
- Wycheproof Uniting Church Guild

Queensland

Atherton

- Atherton City Council
- Atherton Maize Marketing Co-operative
- Atherton Shire Council
- Atherton Tablelands Enterprise House Ltd
- Cardwell Shire Council
- Gordonvale Canegrowers Association
- Mareeba Canegrowers Association
- Mareeba Chamber of Commerce
- Mareeba Regional Development Board
- Queensland Rural Women's Group
- Queensland Tobacco Leaf Marketing Board
- Tablelands Chamber of Commerce

Brisbane

- Austa Energy
- Department of Main Roads
- Department of Natural Resources
- Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Office of Rural Communities
- Queensland Farmers Federation
- Queensland Local Government Association
- South East Queensland Water Board
- Treasury Department

Cairns

- Cairns Chamber of Commerce
- Citizens for Affordable Water
- Far North Queensland Electricity Board
- Gordonvale Canegrowers Association

- Gordonvale Chamber of Commerce
- Gulf Local Authorities Development Association
- GWH Business Brokers
- Mulgrave Sugar Mills

Emerald

- Bauhinia Shire Council
- Capricornia Electricity Corporation
- Department of Main Roads
- Department of Natural Resources
- Emerald Shire Council
- Queensland Farmers' Federation
- Queensland Landcare and Bushcare Councils
- Resource User Planning Process

Longreach

- Blackall Shire Council
- Capricornia Electricity
- Ilfracombe Shire Council
- Jericho Shire Council
- Longreach Shire Council
- Office of Rural Communities
- Office of the Shadow Minister for Transport and Main Roads
- Regional Women's Alliance
- Remote Area Planning and Development Board
- Winton Shire Council

Mackay

- Australian Hotels Association
- Belyando Shire Council
- BP City Driveways
- Broadsound Shire Council
- Caltex/Ampol Distributor
- Canegrowers, Mackay
- Canegrowers Network
- Mackay Electricity Board
- Mackay Taxis
- Pioneer Valley Water Board
- Queensland Hotels Association, Mackay

Mackay - continued

- Queensland Hotels Association, Sarina
- Queensland Newsagents Federation (Mackay)
- Shell City Cabs
- Shell Fourways
- Suncorp/Metway (QIDC Ltd)
- Thomas Borthwick and Sons Pty Ltd

Mount Isa

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission
- Cattlemens' Union
- Cloncurry Shire Council
- Mount Isa City Council
- Mount Isa Community Development Group
- Mount Isa Telecommunications Group
- Mount Isa to Townsville Economic Development Zone Incorporated

Rockhampton

- Australia Post
- Capricorn Grains
- Capricornia Electricity Corporation
- Capricornia Tourism
- Cattlemens' Union
- Central Queensland TAFE
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Department of Communication and Information, Local Government and Planning
- Department of Main Roads
- Department of Mines and Energy
- Department of Natural Resources
- Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Department of Primary Industries
- Department of State Development
- Duaringa Shire Council
- Fitzroy Shire Council
- JMK Construction
- Livingstone Shire Council

- Maunsell McIntyre Pty Ltd
- Office of Consumer Affairs
- Q-Build Maintenance and Operations
- Queensland Dairy Farmers' Organisation
- Queensland Irrigators (Dawson Area)
- Rockhampton City Council
- Telstra Corporation

Roma

- Australia Post (local representative)
- Bungil Shire Council
- Chinchilla Shire Council
- Cypress Sawmilling Industry
- Queensland Master Builders Association
- Roma Shire Council
- Warroo Shire Council

Toowoomba

- Eastern Downs Regional Organisations of Councils
- Farr Evrat and Associates
- Finnemores Transport
- Garden City Cabs
- Grainco
- Graingrowers
- Larkin Teys Consulting
- Licenced Post Office Association of Queensland
- McCafferteys Buslines
- Queensland Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- South West Power
- University of Southern Queensland
- Warwick Shire Council, Mayor

Townsville

- Canegrowers Burdekin
- Department of Mines and Energy (Regional office)
- Department of Natural Resources (Regional office)
- Department of Premier and Cabinet (Regional office)

Townsville - continued

- Department of Primary Industry (Regional office)
- Department of State Development (Regional office)
- Department of State Works (Regional office)
- James Cook University
- North Queensland Economic Development Board
- Queensland Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Thuringona Shire Council
- Townsville Chamber of Commerce
- Townsville City Council
- Townsville Port Authority

Western Australia

Albany

- Albany Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Albany City Heart
- Albany Ports Authority
- Co-operative Bulk Handling Limited
- Department of Aboriginal Affairs
- Department of Conservation and Land Management
- Eden Gate Farm
- Education Department of Western Australia
- Fisheries Western Australia
- Great Southern Development Commission
- Plantagenet Shire
- Southern Province Projects Group
- Timber 2002
- Western Australian Contract and Management Services
- Western Australian Department of Training

- Western Australian Farmers' Federation

Bunbury

- Ashbrook Estate
- City of Bunbury
- Giacci Bros
- Gutteridge Haskins and Davey Pty Ltd
- Harvey Fresh
- Main Roads Western Australia
- Manjimup Syndicate Coolstores
- Margaret River Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association
- Regional Development Council
- Shire of Busselton
- Shire of Collie
- Shire of Donnybrook/Balingup
- Shire of Harvey
- South West Chamber of Commerce
- South West Development Commission
- South West Local Government Association
- South West Regional Tourism Association
- Treasury Department
- Water Corporation
- Western Australian Farmers' Federation
- Western Australia Water Users' Coalition
- Western Power
- Westralian Sands Limited

Kalgoorlie

- Amalgamated Resources
- City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
- Curtin University of Technology
- Department of Transport
- Gilbert McAuliffe Associates
- Goldfields Commercial Security
- Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission
- Herald Operations
- Kalgoorlie-Boulder Chamber of Commerce

Kalgoorlie - continued

- Kingston Surveys
- Leisure and Community Development
- McAuliffe's (Solicitors)
- Member for Eyre (Julian Grill)
- Regional Development Council
- Shire of Coolgardie
- Telstra Corporation
- Treasury Department
- Water Corporation
- Western Australian Meat Industry Authority
- Western Power
- Westrail

Katanning

- Agriculture WA
- B.K.W Co-operative Ltd
- Great Southern Development Commission
- Heritage Council of Western Australia
- Kan-Work Options Centre
- Katanning Regional Business Association
- P.L. Bolto & Co
- Shire of Cranbrook
- Shire of Gnowangerup
- Shire of Katanning

Kununurra

- Kimberley Development Commission
- Kimberley Regional College of TAFE
- Ord River District Cooperative
- Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley

Mandurah

- Alcoa
- City of Mandurah
- Mandurah Chamber of Commerce
- Mandurah Tourist Bureau
- Ministry for Planning
- Peel Development Commission
- Shire of Boddington

- Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale
- Water Corporation

Narrogin

- Narrogin Motel
- Shire of West Arthur
- Wheatbelt Development Commission

Northam

- Chamber of Commerce
- C.Y. O'Connor College
- Northam Business Enterprise Centre
- Office of the Deputy Premier
- Shire of Northam
- Shire of Victoria Plains
- Water Corporation
- Wheatbelt Area Consultative Committee
- Wheatbelt Development Commission

Perth

- Agriculture WA
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia
- Department of Commerce and Trade
- Department of Health
- Department of Local Government
- Department of Resources and Development
- Farm Machinery Dealers Association
- Fisheries WA
- Gascoyne Development Commission
- Office of Energy
- Office of Water Regulation
- Pastoralists' and Graziers' Association of Western Australia (Inc)
- Shire of Cuballing
- Shire of Jerramungup
- Shire of Murchison
- Shire of Yalgoo
- Treasury Department
- Water Corporation
- Western Australian Farmers' Federation

Perth - continued

- Western Australian Municipal Association
- Western Power

Port Hedland

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission
- Bakers's Temptations
- Department of Main Roads
- East Pilbara Health Service
- Goninan
- Hamersley Iron
- Hedland Mitre 10
- Hugall and Hoile
- Pilbara Development Commission
- Port Hedland Chamber of Commerce
- Port Hedland Port Authority
- Port Operations, Dampier
- Professional Business Equipment Pty Ltd
- Town of Port Hedland Council

South Australia

Adelaide

- Administration and Information Services
- Carey Management Consultants
- Department of Human Services
- Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Department of Primary Industries and Resources
- Department of the Environment, Heritage and Aboriginal Affairs
- Department of Transport and Urban Planning
- Department of Treasury and Finance
- Local Government Association of South Australia
- South Australian Centre for Economic Studies
- South Australian Farmers' Federation

Mount Gambier

- District Council of Grant
- Education and Training Association
- Kentish and Sons
- Myora Farm
- South Australian Dairyfarmers' Association
- South East Economic Development Board
- South East Institute of TAFE

Port Augusta

- Complete Personnel
- Northern Regional Development Board
- Port Augusta Secondary School
- Select Staff
- Spencer Institute of TAFE
- Spencer Regions Area Consultative Committee
- Transport South Australia

Port Lincoln

- Chamber of Commerce
- Council of Tummy Bay
- Eyre Regional Development Board
- Local Government Association
- Shell Petroleum
- Spencer Institute of TAFE

Whyalla

- Australian Workers Union
- Bramble Industrial Services
- Whyalla Chamber of Commerce and Industries
- Whyalla City Council
- Whyalla Economic Development Board

Tasmania

Burnie

- Braddon Business Centre Limited
- Burnie Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Burnie - continued

- Burnie City Council

Devonport

- Circular Head Council
- Devonport Chamber of Commerce
- Devonport City Council
- Devonport Development Corporation
- Insight Information Services
- Kentish Council
- La Trobe Council
- North West Regional Water Authority
- Tasmanian Agricultural Productivity Group
- Tasmania's West North West Councils
- Waratah-Wynyard Council

Hadspen

- Tasmanian Dairy Industry Authority

Hobart

- Department of Education
- Department of Justice
- Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Department of Primary Industry, Water and Environment
- Treasury Department

Launceston

- Business North
- Launceston Chamber of Commerce
- Launceston City Council
- Tasmanian Farmers' and Graziers' Association
- University of Tasmania (School of Economics)

Oatlands

- Small Business Council of Tasmania
- Southern Midlands Council

Scottsdale

- Dorset Council

Sorell

- Sorell Council

Australian Capital Territory

Canberra

- Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Australia
- Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics
- Australian Catholic Social Welfare Commission
- Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
- Bureau of Transport Economics
- Coles Myer Limited
- Council of Small Business Organisations of Australia
- Department of Communications and the Arts
- Department of Transport and Regional Development
- Food Retailers Association of Australia
- House of Representatives Standing Committee on Financial Institutions and Public Administration
- Minerals Council of Australia
- National Association of Forest Industries
- National Association of Retail Grocers of Australia
- National Capital Regional Leaders' Forum
- National Farmers' Federation
- National Meat Association
- SBP Western NSW
- Senate Select Committee on the Socio-economic Consequences of the National Competition Policy
- Woolworths Limited

Northern Territory

Darwin

- Attorney-General's Department
- Department of Industries and Small Business
- Department of Mines and Energy
- Department of the Chief Minister
- Local Government Association of Northern Territory
- Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Northern Territory University
- Office of Communications and Advanced Technology
- Treasury Department

Katherine

- Attorney-General's Department
- Chief Ministers Department
- Dee Jay Engineering
- Department of Asian Relations
- Katherine Region Economic Development Organisation
- Katherine Town Council
- Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Northern Territory Treasury
- Street Ryan Consultants
- Travel North

Nganmarriyanga

- Nganmarriyanga Community

Participants roundtable

The Commission held an additional 'participants roundtable' in Canberra in February 1999. Those who attended were:

- Agricultural Commodity Consultant (Colin Mann)
- Kempsey Timbers Pty Ltd
- Minerals Council of Australia
- National Farmers' Federation
- Office of Rural Communities (Longreach, Queensland)
- Pastoralists' and Graziers' Association of Western Australia
- SBP Western NSW
- Shepparton News
- SPC Limited
- Spencer Regions Area Consultative Committee
- Tasmanian Dairy Industry Authority
- Townsville City Council
- Women in Agriculture, New South Wales

Modelling workshop

The Commission conducted an economic modelling workshop on ‘The Effects of National Competition Policy on Rural and Regional Australia’ in Canberra in March 1999. The workshop was attended by:

- Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics
- Canberra University (Rolf Gerritsen)
- Commonwealth Bureau of Transport Economics
- Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- Commonwealth Department of Transport and Regional Services
- Economic Insights
- Monash University (Phillip Adams)
- National Farmers’ Federation
- New South Wales Agriculture
- New South Wales Cabinet Office
- New South Wales Treasury Department
- Queensland Treasury Department
- South Australian Department of Premier and Cabinet
- University of New England (Tony Sorensen)
- University of Tasmania (John Madden)
- University of Western Australia (Ken Clements)
