



Standing Committee on Environment, Resources and Development

Update - Inquiry into the Tasmanian Hemp Industry

In 2012, the House of Assembly resolved that it would request the Standing Committee on Environment, Resources and Development (the Committee) to inquire into and report upon the current state of Tasmania's hemp industry, and any opportunities or solutions required to encourage a viable industrial hemp industry and associated value-adding opportunities in Tasmania.

To date, the Committee has received a significant amount of evidence, including a range of submissions from industry, government and other interested parties, and from a number of public hearings.

The Committee is currently in the process of analysing and evaluating this evidence in order to develop recommendations for consideration by the Government. Any such recommendations will look at ways of removing any unnecessary regulatory impediments that may be identified and which are considered to be limiting the industry's growth and further commercial development, and other potential means of stimulating the growth of the industrial hemp industry in Tasmania

The Committee's aim is to develop a suite of recommendations, which, if implemented, will lay the foundations for a robust and sustainable industrial hemp industry which will provide ongoing, increased commercial opportunities for both current and potential industry participants at all levels of the industrial hemp industry supply chain.

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