



Inquiry into Indigenous economic development in Queensland to hold North Queensland and Brisbane hearings on 7-9 March

The House of Representatives Economics Committee returns to North Queensland and Brisbane for its inquiry into Indigenous economic development in Queensland and review of the Wild Rivers (Environmental Management) Bill 2010.

The House Economics Committee had visited northern Queensland in November last year, and will be conducting further public hearings from **7 to 9 March**. The three scheduled public hearings include an on country visit to the Chuulangun Aboriginal Corporation, and public hearings in both Cairns and Brisbane.

“The Committee is looking forward to returning to Queensland to observe the economic and environmental circumstances of northern Queensland and speak with Indigenous representatives, businesses, environmental groups and the state government on how to promote Indigenous economic development,” the Chair of the Committee Craig Thomson said.

The program is shown below.

Monday, 7 March 2011 On country hearing and site visit: Chuulangun Aboriginal Corporation (CAC)		Tuesday 8 March 2010 Conference Room Pacific International Hotel – Cairns		Wednesday 9 March 2011 Speaker Hall Parliament House – Brisbane	
1.15pm	On country hearing with CAC and Wik Projects Ltd Close	9.00am	Kulla Land Trust Mr Harold Ludwick Cape York Sustainable Futures Cairns Regional Council Island & Cape Bana Yarraliji Bubu Inc Lockhart River Aboriginal Council Close	09.15am	Wilderness Society QLD Resources Council Australia Zoo QLD Government QLD Conservation Indigenous Land Corporation Close
3.00pm		9.45am		10.15am	
		10.30am		11.15am	
		11.15am		12:15pm	
		1.00pm		2.15pm	
		1.45pm		3.00pm	
		2.30pm		3.45pm	
	3.15pm				

Further details about the inquiry, including the terms of reference can be obtained from the committee’s website at www.aph.gov.au/economics.

The hearings in Cairns and Brisbane will be webcast (audio only):
<http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

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