## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE **NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES**

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Accountability Hearing with the National Capital Authority Chair: Senator Louise Pratt

## National Capital Authority to appear before the NCET **Committee**

## 12.00pm - 12.45pm, Wednesday, 28 November 2012

The National Capital Committee will question the National Capital Authority (NCA) at its biannual public hearing on Wednesday, 28 November 2012 from 12.00 to 12.45 pm in Committee Room 2S1, Parliament House, Canberra.

This hearing will provide an opportunity for the Committee to ask the NCA about recent developments concerning the Diplomatic Estate, as well as changes to the National Capital Plan concerning the West Basin of Lake Burley Griffin and Yarramundi Reach.

Committee Chair, Senator Louise Pratt, noted that recent proposals to further develop the Diplomatic Estate had excited considerable interest in Canberra and that the Committee was keen to follow up previous discussions with the NCA on this issue. "The Committee is keen to see that a good balance is struck between the needs of Canberra as a National Capital and the needs of residents as a place to live," she said.

The hearings are a means of raising the level of transparency and parliamentary accountability applying to the NCA.

The NCA manages the Commonwealth's interest in the planning and development of Canberra and the Territory by administering the National Capital Plan and areas designated as National Lands.

## **Public Hearing Details**

Committee: Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories

Venue Committee Room 2S1, Parliament House, Canberra

Wednesday, 28 November 2012 Date:

Time: 12.00 to 12.45pm

Webcast: The hearing will be webcast live on

http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/

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