



Public hearing on the Do Not Knock Register Bill 2012

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs is conducting an inquiry into the Do Not Knock Register Bill 2012.

The Do Not Knock Register Bill 2012 prohibits the making of unsolicited marketing calls to an address registered on the Do Not Knock Register. However, the Do Not Knock Register Bill 2012 permits ‘designated marketing calls’ from government bodies, charities, religious organisations, politicians and political candidates.

The Committee will hold a public hearing with consumer advocacy groups and industry groups on Wednesday, 22 August 2012, and anticipates tabling its report in September.

The Committee Chair, Mr Graham Perrett MP said, ‘The Do Not Knock Register Bill 2012 aims to protect consumers from unsolicited door-to-door sales calls. However, the Committee has received submissions from industry arguing that additional regulation is unnecessarily in light of existing consumer and privacy laws. The Committee looks forward to a more detailed discussion of these issues.’

The details of the public hearing are as follows:

Date: Wednesday, 22 August 2012
Venue: Parliament House, Canberra
Committee Room 2R1

PROGRAM

4.00 pm	Australian Consumer Action Law Centre Financial Counselling Australia (by teleconference)
4.45 pm	Energy Assured Ltd
5.00 pm	Communications Alliance Ltd (by teleconference)
5.15 pm	Direct Selling Association of Australia

The proceedings will be webcast live at <http://www.aph.gov.au/live>

For further information please visit the Committee website www.aph.gov.au/spla

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