



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport, Regional
Development & Local Government Committee

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Launceston, Ballarat and Shepparton roundtables and public forums into a new regional development funding program

The House of Representatives Infrastructure and Transport Committee is conducting a series of roundtables and public forums as part of its inquiry into a new regional development funding program.

As part of its inquiry, the Committee will be travelling around Australia holding a series of roundtables to discuss a possible framework and future administrative arrangements for the Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

Roundtable participants have been invited by the Committee to discuss a range of issues highlighted in the Committee's discussion paper which is available on the Committee's website (noted below). Members of the public are welcome to observe the roundtable proceedings.

At the end of each roundtable, the Committee has set aside one hour for an open session where anyone can speak with the Committee about issues relating to this inquiry.

The Committee will be visiting Tasmania and Victoria for the next series of these roundtables and forums and will be in the following locations during the week of 4 August 2008:

- **Launceston**, Monday, 4 August 2008, Hotel Grand Chancellor, Chancellor Room 2, 29 Cameron Street
- **Ballarat**, Wednesday, 6 August 2008, BEST Employment – Banksia Room, 28 Victoria Street
- **Shepparton**, Friday, 8 August 2008, Eastbank Centre – Alex Rigg Meeting Room, 70 Welsford Street

Roundtable discussions will be held between 9.00am and 12.30pm with the public forums to follow for one hour (12.30pm - 1.30pm).

Further information and advice on making submissions, can be found at:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/itrdlg>

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