



Thursday 22 August 2019

Two Treaties, Three Cities

[The Joint Standing Committee on Treaties](#) will be holding hearings on the Hong Kong and Indonesia free trade agreements in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth in the coming weeks.

[Committee Chair Mr Dave Sharma MP](#) says the hearings will be the first opportunity for public consultation on the agreements since they were signed some months ago.

“In an international environment in which protectionism is gaining a foothold, it is now more important than ever for the Parliament to engage with Australians on free trade,” Mr Sharma said.

“These public hearings will be important in informing the Committee’s views on whether the agreements are in Australia’s national interest.”

The hearings will enable community groups; peak bodies representing business, exporters, education institutions and employees; along with academic experts, to talk to the Committee about the two agreements.

Public hearing details

SYDNEY

Any members of the public wishing to attend this public hearing please register your interest via e-mail at jsct@aph.gov.au by 2.00pm Friday, 23 Aug 2019.

Date: Monday 26 August 2019
Time: 9.00am to 4.00pm
Location: Meeting Room 1, Level 21
Commonwealth Parliamentary Office
1 Bligh Street

9.00am–9.45am: Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network (AFTINET)
via teleconference
9.45am–10.30am: National Farmers’ Federation (NFF)
10.45am–11.30am: Dr Luke Nottage, Professor of Comparative and Transnational
Business Law, University of Sydney
11.30am–12.15pm: Citrus Australia
1.00pm–1.45pm: Export Council of Australia (ECA)
1.45pm–2.30pm: GrainGrowers
2.30pm–3.15pm: Meat and Livestock Australia
3.15pm–4.00pm: Universities Australia *via teleconference*
4.00pm: *Close*

MELBOURNE

Date: Tuesday 27 August 2019

Time: 9.00am to 4.00pm

Location: Committee Room G6
Ground Floor
55 St Andrews Place

9.00am–9.45am: TAFE Directors Australia *via teleconference*
9.45am–10.30am: Professor Tania Voon
10.45am–11.30am: Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) *via teleconference*
11.30am–12.15pm: Australian Dairy Industry Council
1.00pm–1.45pm: Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU)
Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union (AMWU) *via teleconference*
Electrical Trade Union (ETU)
1.45pm–2.30pm: Professor Abid Khan, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President
(Global Engagement), Monash University
2.30pm–3.15pm: Minerals Council of Australia (MCA) *via teleconference*
3.15pm–4.00pm: University of Wollongong Global Enterprises *via teleconference*
4.00pm: *Close*

PERTH

Date: Monday 2 September 2019

Time: 9.00am to 4.00pm

Location: Anglesea Room
Mercure
10 Irwin Street

8.00am–8.30am: Sustainable Skills
8.30am–9.15am: Australia Indonesia Business Council
9.15am–10.00am: Perth USAsia Centre
10.00am–10.45am: Australian Export Grains Innovations Centre; Grain Industry
Association of WA; CBH Group
11.00am–11.45am: AiGroup *via teleconference*
11.45am–12.30pm: Phoenix Academy
12.30pm–1.15pm: Indonesia Institute
1.15pm–2.00pm: WA Chamber of Commerce and Industry
2.00pm: *Close*

The hearings will be broadcast live at aph.gov.au/live.

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