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Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories

Inquiry into Canberra's national institutions

Issue date: 15 August 2018

Committee holds public hearings for inquiries into Canberra's national institutions and light rail

The [Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories](#) will hold two public hearings on Thursday in Canberra.

Inquiry into Canberra's national institutions

The Committee will be hearing evidence from the Australian National Botanic Gardens on a range of topics including audience engagement. The Gardens have recently undertaken a number of projects that support enhanced visitor experiences such as the 'China Ready' strategy and themed afterDARK tours.

The Chair of the Committee, [Mr Ben Morton MP](#), said "Thursday's public hearing will provide the Committee with an opportunity to better understand how the Australian National Botanic Gardens encourages audiences to engage with the Gardens' substantial collection of native plants."

Public hearing details: 10.10 am – 11.00 am, Thursday, 16 August 2018, Committee Room 2R2, Parliament House, Canberra

10.10 am: Australian National Botanic Gardens (Submission 15)

Inquiry into Commonwealth and Parliamentary approvals for the proposed Stage 2 of the ACT light rail project

The Committee will hold its final hearing for its inquiry into approval processes for Stage 2 of the ACT's light rail project.

Public hearing details: 4:15 pm – 5:45 pm, Thursday, 16 August 2018, Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

4.15pm: Moral Rights Holders

4.45pm: National Capital Authority

5.15pm: ACT Government

Both hearings will be streamed live at aph.gov.au/live.

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Further information about each of these inquiries, including the terms of reference, is available on the Committee's [webpage](#). Interested members of the public may wish to track the committee by clicking on the blue 'Track Committee' button in the bottom right hand corner of the website and using the forms to login to My Parliament or to register for a My Parliament account. The Secretariat can be contacted on (02) 6277 4355 or be emailing jscncet@aph.gov.au.