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### House of Representatives Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy Inquiry into modernising Australia's electricity grid

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## Energy Committee to meet market commission and market regulator

The [House of Representatives Environment and Energy Committee](#) will hear from the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) and the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) at the final public hearing tomorrow for the inquiry into modernising Australia's electricity grid.

The Chair of the Committee, Mr Andrew Broad MP, said the Committee was looking forward to hearing from the Australian Energy Market Commission about its plans for supporting the grid during this period of modernisation.

"The Australian Energy Market Commission is the ruler maker for Australian electricity and gas markets. The Committee is keen to hear about the kinds of new rules the Commission thinks will best support a modern grid," Mr Broad said.

The Committee will also hear from the Australian Energy Regulator. The Australian Energy Regulator regulates wholesale and retail energy markets, and energy networks, under national energy legislation and rules.

The Deputy Chair of the Committee, Mr Pat Conroy MP, said the Committee was looking forward to hearing about the challenges a modern regulator faces.

"We want to ensure that the modern grid operates in accordance with the rules, and the Australian Energy Regulator's role is an essential part of this," Mr Conroy said.

As part of the inquiry, the Committee is encouraging members of the community to share their views on the electricity system via an [online questionnaire](#).

Further information about the inquiry, including submissions from organisations appearing at the hearings, is available on the inquiry [website](#).

#### **Public hearing details:**

**10.00 a.m. – 11.15 a.m., Thursday, 26 October 2017, Committee Room 1R4 Parliament House, Canberra**

The hearings will be broadcast live at [aph.gov.au/live](http://aph.gov.au/live)

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