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### DEFENCE SUB-COMMITTEE

#### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE

Inquiry into the risks and benefits of a Bipartisan Australian Defence Agreement

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## Bipartisan Defence agreement hearing in Canberra

The Defence Sub-Committee of the Parliament's [Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade](#) is holding a public hearing in Canberra on Friday 23 August for its [inquiry into a Bipartisan Australian Defence Agreement](#).

Chair of the Defence Sub-Committee, Senator Linda Reynolds CSC, said the Sub-Committee will hear from representatives from the defence industry, unions, academia and Defence on the risks and benefits of reaching a bipartisan agreement on defence capability planning.

“Strategic planning for Australia’s Defence is one of the fundamental tasks of government,” Senator Reynolds said. “The Sub-Committee looks forward to meeting with defence industry experts to explore options for providing long-term stability for the planning of Australia’s Defence capabilities, including a possible bipartisan defence agreement.”

**Public hearing details: 9:00am to 2:30pm, Friday 23 February, Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra**

The full program for Friday’s hearing is available from the committee’s [website](#).

This hearing will be streamed live at [www.aph.gov.au/live](http://www.aph.gov.au/live).

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