

**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT GROWTH**

Australia's Future in Research and Innovation

Chair: Mr Ken O'Dowd MP

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—*Sydney and Melbourne Hearings*—
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The Parliamentary Trade and Investment Growth Committee will continue public hearings in Sydney and Melbourne as part of its *Inquiry into Australia's Future in Research and Innovation*. The Committee is investigating how the research and innovation sector can better assist in overcoming Australia's geographic, economic, and labour challenges, with a focus on commercialisation including, how technology imports and exports could be further facilitated.

The Committee will be holding public hearings in Sydney on 8 and 9 March 2016 and in Melbourne on 10 March 2016.

The Committee will receive evidence from a number of universities and research groups, established businesses and business organisations, and venture capital and start-up companies.

The Chair of the Committee, Mr Ken O'Dowd MP said, "The Committee will explore new commercial avenues to encourage Australia's future growth and prosperity."

"The Committee will discuss university performance including research and private sector collaboration in increasing the number of graduates trained in science, technology, engineering and mathematics who are able to easily transition into business employment."

"How fiscal settings can be reformed to encourage innovation will be discussed with businesses, including venture capital and start-up companies," Mr O'Dowd said.

Sydney

Date: Tuesday 8 March 2016, 9.30 am – 5.40 pm

Date: Wednesday, 9 March 2016, 9.00 am – 3.40 pm

Location: Northcott Room, Sydney Masonic Centre, 66 Goulburn Street, Sydney

Melbourne

Date: Thursday 10 March 2016, 9.00 am – 3.40 pm

Location: Room G3, Parliament of Victoria, 55 St Andrews Place, Melbourne

The Committee will hold additional hearings in Canberra later in March.

More information is available at: www.aph.gov.au/ResearchandInnovation

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