



## Tourism Australia to contribute to inquiry into the Indian Ocean Territories

The National Capital and External Territories Committee will hear from Tourism Australia at a hearing in Canberra tomorrow as part of its inquiry into governance in the Indian Ocean Territories.

The national tourism organisation will appear in conjunction with local Cocos (Keeling) and Christmas Island Tourism Associations to discuss tourism and economic development in the territories.

Committee Chair, Mr Luke Simpkins MP said, “successive inquiries have recognised the potential for tourism to make a larger contribution to the economy of the Indian Ocean Territories.”

“Christmas Island and the Cocos Islands offer unique visitor experiences and the Committee wants to discuss what is needed to overcome barriers and support sector growth into the future.”

**DATE: Thursday 13 August 2015**

**VENUE Committee Room 1R2, Parliament House, Canberra**

**PROGRAM: 10:05 am Roundtable discussion with invited participants:**

- Tourism Australia
- Christmas Island Tourism Association (via teleconference)
- Cocos (Keeling) Islands Tourism Association (via teleconference)

**11:15 am Close.**

Members of the public are welcome to observe proceedings.

The hearing will also be webcast at [www.aph.gov.au/live](http://www.aph.gov.au/live).

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