

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNICATIONS

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Chairman: Mrs J Prentice MP

Deputy Chair: The Hon M Thistlethwaite MP

Connecting the dots on infrastructure development

The House Infrastructure Committee is examining infrastructure planning and procurement and will hold a public hearing in Canberra on Friday 29 August 2014.

The program will provide broad insight into some of the major issues already raised during the Inquiry such as infrastructure priorities, strategic planning and funding options and the committee will hear from a diverse range of witnesses.

As it continues its examination of the challenges facing infrastructure development, the Committee will consider the importance of key freight routes and the crucial role they play in infrastructure development, innovative infrastructure funding and financing techniques, improving telecommunications infrastructure through regulatory reform, and rethinking charging practices for road users. The Committee will also witness firsthand the use of cuttingedge technology to produce survey-grade 3D models for infrastructure design.

Committee Chairman Mrs Jane Prentice MP said that to meet Australia's future infrastructure needs it is vital that strong and cooperative links are made between Government and private industry. "To successfully plan for Australia's growing infrastructure requirements, we need all parties – from state governments through to private investors – at the table finding solutions. And today we will see that inclusive philosophy in practice," she said.

Details of the hearing are as follows:

Friday 29 August 2014 Date: Time: 8.15am - 12.30pm

Place: Committee Room 1R5, Parliament House, Canberra

Program

8.15am **BCE Surveying**

9.00am Property Council of Australia 9.30am **Australian Logistics Council**

10.00am Association of Mining and Exploration Companies

10.45am **Bus Industry Confederation**

Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association 11.15am

11.45am SA Government

Further information on the Inquiry, including the full terms of reference and how to prepare a submission can be obtained from the Committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/ic or from the Secretariat on (02) 6277 2352.

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