



Smart City: Melbourne embraces technology

The City of Melbourne is recognised as a leader in both civic engagement and urban innovation. Tomorrow, representatives from the City of Melbourne will address the Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communications' Inquiry into the role of Smart ICT in the design and planning of infrastructure, to provide an insight into how Smart Cities can overcome urban challenges.

In their submission, the City of Melbourne discusses how its Smart City policies "recognise and prioritise the potential benefits flowing from collaborations enabled by technologies".

It goes on to say that "Complex urban challenges can now be addressed collaboratively via Smart communities comprising hyper-connected, technologically agile and often entrepreneurial innovators. These Smart communities are the new agents of change and the generators of knowledge."

Committee Chairman Jane Prentice MP (Ryan, Qld) said, "Smart cities are the way of the future. By embracing new technologies, local governments are making a major contribution to the future productivity and liveability of our urban environments."

Hearing details

Date: Friday, 25 September 2015
Time: 8:00 am–3:00 pm
Venue: Legislative Council Committee Room, Parliament House, Melbourne

8:00 am	Victorian Government (Submission 24)
8:30 am	Australian Academy of Science (Submission 5)
9:00am	Victorian Spatial Council (Submission 6)
9:30 am	Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (Submission 13)
10:00 am	City of Melbourne (Submission 35)
11:00 am	Independent Project Analysis (Submission 11)
11:30 am	Professor Keith Hampson, Sustainable Built Environment National Research Centre (by teleconference)
12:00 pm	Swinburne University of Technology (Submission 36)
1:30 pm	University of Melbourne (Submissions 17, 31 & 32)
2:30 pm	IBM (Submission 2)

The public hearing will be webcast live at <http://www.aph.gov.au/live>

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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