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### **Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories**

Inquiry into Commonwealth and Parliamentary approvals for the proposed Stage 2 of the ACT light rail project

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## **Light rail inquiry continues**

Heritage and planning considerations will be the focus of a public hearing of a parliamentary inquiry into Commonwealth and Parliamentary approvals for the proposed Stage 2 of the ACT light rail project on Thursday 28 June 2018 in Canberra.

The [Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories](#) will hear from the Department of the Environment and Energy, which is responsible for assessing the environmental and heritage impacts that may result from Stage 2 of the light rail project as it passes through the Parliamentary Zone.

Committee Chair, [Mr Ben Morton MP](#), said that ‘the right balance must be struck between meeting territory infrastructure needs and safeguarding the heritage of the Parliamentary zone for all Australians’.

‘Thursday’s hearing will provide the Committee with an opportunity to better understand the complex environmental and heritage approval processes that are in place to protect the Parliamentary Zone and Parliament House Vista and how these processes will interact with the Stage 2 of the light rail project.’

Further information, including submissions made to the inquiry, and the details of upcoming public hearings may be found on the Committee’s [website](#).

**Public hearing details: 4:30pm – 6:30pm, Thursday, 28 June 2018, Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra**

4.30pm: Department of Parliamentary Services ([Submission 17](#))

5.00pm: Planning Institute of Australia ([Submission 24](#))

5.30pm: Department of the Environment and Energy

6.00pm: Public Transport Association of Canberra ([Submission 14](#))

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

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