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### House of Representatives Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy Inquiry into controlling the spread of cane toads

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## Committee takes aim at cane toads

A [new parliamentary inquiry](#) will examine the effectiveness of control measures to limit the spread of cane toads across Australia.

[House of Representatives Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy](#) Chair Mr Andrew Gee MP said that cane toads are an increasing threat to the Australian environment, given their impacts on native species and biodiversity.

“Cane toads are toxic at all points in their life cycle, and with no known predators in Australia, their spread has been difficult to arrest,” Mr Gee said.

“The Committee is keen to understand how well current control measures are working in the fight against the spread of cane toads, and whether there are other measures that should be added to the toolkit.

“We want to ensure that we are doing all we can to limit the impacts and minimise the threat from this rapidly-spreading pest.”

Submissions to the inquiry are open until **Thursday, 31 January 2019**. Public hearings are expected to be held in Canberra in mid-February 2019.

Submissions must address the inquiry’s terms of reference, which are available along with details on how to make a submission on the [inquiry website](#).

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