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### House Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport and Cities

Inquiry into the Australian Government's role in the development of cities

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## Setting the standard for a connected future

Evidence to the [House Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport and Cities](#) inquiry into the development of cities has emphasised the importance of investing in good internet coverage, connected technology and open data to support Australia's ongoing prosperity.

Standards Australia will appear before the Committee in Sydney tomorrow to discuss the Australian Government's important role in fostering sound digital infrastructure. It submitted that ensuring the interoperability of technology is 'a key requirement' in transitioning to more connected cities and that standards may need to be established to facilitate this.

"A recent report identified the potential cost savings of implementing standardised [internet of things] solutions as being approximately US\$341 billion less than non-standardised solutions by 2025," Standards Australia said in their submission to the inquiry.

"Australian and international standards are already widely referenced across sectors integral to the development of connected cities, and engender the potential to support more widespread adoption of the Internet of Things (IoT) revolution."

Committee Chair, [Mr John Alexander OAM MP](#) said the Committee's consideration of these issues is timely.

"Cities such as Newcastle are already establishing digital infrastructure and taking preliminary steps towards open data," Mr Alexander MP said.

"We need to investigate the policy, legislative and standard settings needed to support the interoperability of technology now, before this technology is widespread and the opportunity has passed."

**Public hearing details: 9.30 am – 2.50 pm, Thursday, 22 March 2018, meeting room one, level 21, Commonwealth Parliament Offices, 1 Bligh Street, Sydney**

9.30 am: [Infrastructure Partnerships Australia](#)

10.10 am: [Water Services Association of Australia](#)

11.10 am [Ports Australia](#)

11.50 am: [Standards Australia](#)

1.30 pm: [Financial-Architects.Asia](#)

2.10 pm: [Action for Public Transport \(NSW\)](#)

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



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Further information on the inquiry, including the full [terms of reference](#), is available on the [Committee website](#).

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