

PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE on INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY

MEDIA ALERT

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Chair: The Hon Anthony Byrne MP Deputy: The Hon Philip Ruddock MP

Inquiry into Potential Reforms of National Security Legislation

Committee to hear from Victorian Submitters on Reforms to National Security Legislation

Victorian submitters to the inquiry into Potential Reforms to National Security Legislation will give evidence at a public hearing of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on intelligence and Security in Melbourne on Wednesday 5 September.

Committee Chair Mr Anthony Byrne MP said the Committee will discuss a number of issues which submitters have brought to the Committee's attention.

"A general theme throughout the inquiry is the impact that the potential reforms will have on the privacy of everyday Australians.

"At issue is how, in times of increasing demands on agencies charged with protecting Australia's national security, such demands can be met and reconciled with the right to privacy and the civil liberties which Australians hold dear."

Program

Committee Room G.6 Victorian Parliament 55 St Andrews Place, East Melbourne Wednesday, 5 September 2012

- 9.00 am Victorian Privacy Commissioner
- 9.45 am Macquarie Telecom
- 10.30 am Break
- 10.45 am Castan Centre for Human Rights Law
- 11.30 am South Australia Police and Victoria Police
- 12.15 pm Lunch
- 1.15 pm Human Rights Law Centre
- 2.00 pm Institute of Public Affairs
- 2.45 pm Break
- 3.00 pm Liberty Victoria
- 3.45 pm Electronic Frontiers Australia
- 4.30 pm Adjourn

The public hearing will be audio webcast live on: http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/

Terms of reference for the inquiry, a discussion paper and submissions can be found at the Committee's website: <u>www.aph.gov.au/pjcis</u>

For more information, contact the Committee Secretariat on **02 6277 2360** or visit the PJCIS's website at http://www.aph.gov.au/pjcis

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