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Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works

**Chair: Ms Kirsten Livermore MP**

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## **Public hearing for inquiry into ABC's Melbourne accommodation project**

The Public Works Committee is holding a public hearing for the inquiry into the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's Melbourne accommodation project.

The ABC proposes to relocate its Melbourne-based television production and administrative functions from sites at Gordon Street and Selwyn Street, Elsternwick, to a new building at Southbank. The project would consolidate the majority of the ABC's Melbourne operations at its Victorian Headquarters, 120 Southbank Boulevard, Southbank, by expanding into the adjacent site at 102–118 Sturt Street. These buildings would house all staff and facilities, across all operational and program-making divisions and media genres with the exception of the television outside broadcast operations.

The estimated cost of the project is \$176.4 million. Construction is expected to be complete by early 2017.

Full details on the proposal are available on the Committee's website: [www.aph.gov.au/pwc](http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc)

**Hearing Venue:** Iwaki Auditorium  
ABC Southbank  
120 Southbank Boulevard,  
Southbank, Victoria

**Date:** Tuesday, 30 April 2013

**Time:** 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

**NB** the Public Works Committee is neither involved in the tendering process nor the awarding of contracts. Enquiries on those matters should be addressed to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

**For interview:** Contact the Chair's office on (07) 4922 6604.

**For further information,** including how to make a submission, the public hearing times, and copies of submissions when they become available, please visit the Committee website <http://www.aph.gov.au/pwc> or contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 4636.