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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Local Government Committee

Chair: Catherine King MP

Developing a new regional infrastructure funding program - roundtables being held Australia wide

The House of Representatives Infrastructure and Regional Development Committee is travelling across Australia for its inquiry into the development of a new regional infrastructure funding program.

As part of its inquiry, the Committee will be holding a series of roundtable meetings to discuss a possible framework and future administrative arrangements for the federal government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

Roundtable participants have been invited by the Committee to discuss a range of issues highlighted in the Committee's discussion paper which is available on the Committee's website (noted below). Members of the public are welcome to observe the roundtable proceedings.

At the end of each roundtable, the Committee has set aside one hour for an open session where members of the public can raise issues with the Committee relating to this inquiry.

Roundtable meetings will be held between 9.00 am and 12.30 pm followed by open sessions between 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm in the following locations:

Date	Location
21 July	Toowoomba
25 July	Cairns
28 July	Darwin
30 July	Perth
4 August	Launceston
6 August	Ballarat
8 August	Shepparton
12 August	Dubbo
14 August	Nowra

Further information about the Committee's inquiry, its roundtables and their exact locations can be found at: <u>http://www.aph.gov.au/itrdlg</u>

For background information:

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