



JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES

Inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority

MEDIA ALERT

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Chair: Senator Kate Lundy

Public hearings into the role of the National Capital Authority

Federal Parliament's National Capital Committee will conduct further public hearings on Thursday, 1 May and Friday, 2 May 2008 as part of its inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority (NCA) and the planning, development and promotion of the national capital Canberra.

Committee Chair Senator Kate Lundy said "the next public hearings also provide an opportunity to review some of the new ideas to reform Canberra's planning framework".

The National Capital Authority, in its submission, has proposed that the current system of having separate Territory and National Capital Plans be changed to having a single, integrated plan and that the NCA be responsible for administering the central national area of this integrated national capital plan. It is proposed that the Territory Government would be responsible for administering the remaining area of the integrated plan.

The hearing on Friday, 2 May will bring together at the same time, representatives of the NCA and ACT Government so the proposed planning framework and other issues can be examined, said Senator Lundy.

THURSDAY, 1 MAY 2008 Committee Room 2R1 Parliament House, Canberra		FRIDAY, 2 MAY 2008 Committee Room 2R1 Parliament House, Canberra	
9.00am	Engineers Australia		
9.45am	Mr David Wright	9.00am	National Capital Authority and the ACT Government
10.45am	Mr Graham Humphries		
11.30am	Police Federation of Australia	12.00noon	Dr Dianne Firth
1.15pm	Tourism and Transport Forum	1.30pm	Dr Jenny Stewart
2.00pm	Dr Keith Boardman	2.00pm	Dr John Gray
3.00pm	Colin Stewart Architects	2.30pm	Ms Sandra Whichelo
3.30pm	Questacon	3.15pm	Mr Enrico Taglietti
4.15pm	Australian National University		

Further details about the inquiry can be obtained from the committee's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ncet/index.htm> or by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4355 or emailing jscncet@aph.gov.au. Information about the National Capital Authority can be found at <http://www.nationalcapital.gov.au/>.

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