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## PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

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### MEDIA RELEASE

#### **Parliamentary Joint Committee: Cybercrime hearings**

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission will hold public hearings in Melbourne Sydney and Canberra as part of its cybercrime reference.

Chairperson Mr Bruce Baird said today “The Committee has received some excellent submissions, many of a highly technical nature, which have raised several issues which the Committee is anxious to explore. In particular, the accelerating changes in technology provide an environment in which it is a simple matter to anonymously target children for the purposes of paedophilia. The Committee will explore how best to oppose this and the role which the Australian Crime Commission can take in the process”.

The Committee is also examining the role of cybercrime in banking fraud and in the threats posed to national infrastructure by technology based crime. Mr Baird concluded: “The internet has provided new ways of committing old crimes. The resourcefulness of criminals is boundless, and our enforcement strategies must be able to access the same technology and the same environment if cybercrime is to be contained.”

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission’s Inquiry will hold public hearings in Melbourne in the Legislative Council Committee Room Parliament House on 17 July; In Sydney at the Commonwealth offices on Level 8, 70 Philip Street Sydney on 18 July and in Canberra in Committee ROOM 2S 1 at Parliament House on 21 July.

The Committee’s website ([http://www.aph.gov.au/senate\\_acc](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate_acc)) has the Committee’s terms of reference for the inquiry.

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