



Considering infrastructure challenges at a state and federal level

Australian Communities in urban and regional areas face increasing challenges in deciding where and how to build new infrastructure that will increase productivity and support our living standards.

Tomorrow in Canberra, the House Committee on Infrastructure will hold its last scheduled public hearing for the Inquiry into infrastructure planning and procurement.

Population growth, demographic change, extreme weather events, increasing fuel costs, housing affordability, technological change, and resource limitations, make dealing with these challenges all the more difficult.

Committee Chairman Jane Prentice said the Inquiry is looking into whether local, state and federal governments are adequately considering the infrastructure challenges that they face and whether they have long term plans in place to deal with those challenges.

"The Committee has received 30 written submissions from government and private sector stakeholders and taken evidence from some 25 individuals and organisations. Key themes have emerged providing the Committee with a clear direction for its report," said Ms Prentice.

The Committee looks forward to hearing the view of an employer representative group from Western Australia and a multinational firm producing engineering design software.

Details of the hearings are as follows:

Friday, 31 October 2014

Venue: Committee Room 1R6, Parliament House, Canberra

Time	Witness
1:30pm	Civil Contractors Federation WA
2:00pm	Autodesk
2:30pm	Close

Further information on the Inquiry, including the full terms of reference and how to prepare a submission can be obtained from the Committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/ic or from the Secretariat on (02) 6277 2352.

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