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Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security

Inquiry into the impact of the exercise of law enforcement and intelligence powers on the freedom of the press

National security and law enforcement impacts on the press - hearings commence

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security (PJCS) will hold two public hearings this week for its [Inquiry into the impact of the exercise of law enforcement and intelligence powers on the freedom of the press](#).

Public hearings

13 August 2019

8.30am – 5.00pm

Level 3 Conference Centre, Castlereagh Boutique Hotel, 169 Castlereagh St, Sydney

14 August 2019

8.30am – 5.00pm

Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

Programs for the hearings can be found [here](#).

The Chair, [Mr Andrew Hastie MP](#), said ‘The Committee has received numerous and varied submissions regarding the balance between national security, freedom of information and the media. These hearings will allow for the Committee to engage with the major media outlets, other media stakeholders, human rights and legal advocates, as well as the law enforcement, intelligence and other policy agencies.’

The impact and appropriateness of the use of law enforcement and intelligence powers is a legitimate concern to many. The Committee will carefully consider both concerns and statements of support.’

Further information on the inquiry can be obtained from the Committee’s [website](#).

Media inquiries:

Chair, Mr Andrew Hastie MP (Canning, WA) on 08 9534 8044 (Electorate office) or (02) 6277 4223 (Parliament House)

For background information:

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