

PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

Inquiry into the operation, regulation and funding of air route service delivery to rural, regional and remote communities

COMMUNITY STATEMENTS

11 April 2018, Winton, Queensland Winton Shire Council Hall, 10.15am to 12.15pm

In April 2018, the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee will commence holding public hearings for its inquiry into regional air route service delivery. During the public hearings, the committee will hear evidence from a range of stakeholders, including regional councils, tourism organisations and airport and airline operators.

On 11 April 2018, the committee will hold a public session in Winton, Queensland to hear statements from members of the public regarding their experiences with airline operation and service delivery, in a regional Queensland community.

APPEARING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Members of the Winton and surrounding communities, who wish to make a short, five minute statement detailing their experiences to the committee, are invited to register their interest by emailing the committee secretariat at rrat.sen@aph.gov.au.

Opportunities to speak will be allocated in the order in which they are received. The committee secretariat will allocate a time to each individual, taking into account any specific requests.

The committee secretariat will send you an email confirming the time at which you may speak to the committee. You will be sent a witness form to complete and information on the protection of witnesses and parliamentary privilege.

If all timeslots for individual statements have been allocated, you will receive an email telling you this. You are still welcome to attend and listen to the proceedings.

Please email the following information to the committee as soon as possible to register your interest in making a public statement:

Title:	First name:	Surname:
Telephone number:	Email address:	

WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING

When it is time for individuals to speak to the committee, the Chair of the committee will invite the individuals to come forward to the witness table. Each individual will be asked to state their name and confirm that they have received information about the protection of witnesses and parliamentary privilege.

Each individual will have the opportunity to speak to the committee for five minutes. At the conclusion of your time, a bell will sound and you should finish your sentence. Senators on the committee may ask you some questions about what you have said. The committee will then move on to the next individual scheduled to provide a statement.

Further information about what to expect when attending a Senate committee hearing is available on the Australian Parliament website: Attending a public hearing.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON COMMITTEE HEARINGS

A written transcript of the public statements will be made and published on the inquiry webpage.

Most committee hearings are held in public and anyone is welcome to come and listen. If you would like to listen to the hearings, or are unable to attend the hearings, you can listen to the live proceedings on-line: https://www.aph.gov.au/Watch Read Listen.

Further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference and the hearing programs for the committee's other public hearings as part of this inquiry, can be found on the inquiry webpage.

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Information on the inquiry

Date Referred	16 November 2017
Submissions Close	5 February 2018
Reporting Date	20 September 2018
Hearings	3 April – Broome 4 April – Alice Springs 5 April – Darwin 10 April – Longreach 11 April – Winton (community statements) 12 April – Cloncurry Further hearings yet to be announced
Committee Membership	Senator Glenn Sterle (Chair) Senator Barry O'Sullivan (Deputy Chair) Senator Slade Brockman Senator Malarndirri McCarthy Senator Janet Rice Senator Anthony Chisholm
Other Senators participating	Senator Rex Patrick Senator Richard Colbeck