

## Chapter 2

### **Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities portfolio**

2.1 This chapter outlines some of the key issues discussed during the hearing for the Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities portfolio on 4 and 8 April 2019.

2.2 The committee heard from divisions of the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities (DIRDC) and portfolio agencies on 4 April 2019 in the following order:

- Infrastructure Investment Division;
- Regional Development and Local Government Division;
- Cities Division;
- Civil Aviation Safety Authority; and
- Australian Maritime Safety Authority.

2.3 The committee heard from divisions of DIRDC and portfolio agencies on 8 April 2019 in the following order:

- Airservices Australia;
- Corporate Services;
- Australian Rail Track Corporation;
- Infrastructure Australia;
- Inland Rail and Rail Policy Division;
- Portfolio Coordination and Research Division;
- Regional Development and Local Government Division;
- Australian Transport Safety Bureau; and
- Surface Transport Policy Division.

2.4 The following agencies and divisions were released during the course of the hearing without providing evidence:

- Infrastructure and Project Financing Agency;
- Territories Division; and
- Airports and Aviation Division.

2.5 The committee discussed a range of topics during the hearings, including:

- the Community Development Grants Program and National Water Infrastructure Fund;
- Community Service Flights;
- *Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel) National Law Act 2012*;

- Aviation rescue firefighting services including the provision of aviation firefighting vehicles;
- advertising spend by DIRDC on the 'Building Our Future' campaign;
- community consultation in relation to the Inland Rail Programme;
- scope of works for the North-East Rail Line;
- extension of the Whyalla to Cape Hardy Rail Line;
- DIRDC's progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals;
- funding commitments under the Commonwealth Development Grants program;
- Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) investigation of an accident involving an Angel Flight community service flight; and
- implementation of the National Road Safety Strategy recommendations and funding for road safety initiatives.