



MEDIA ALERT

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE
COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS**

*Chairman: The Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP
Deputy Chairman: Mr Tim Watts MP*

Key agencies to appear for broadcasting and arts inquiry

The House of Representatives [Standing Committee on Communications and the Arts](#) will hear from the Department of Communications and the Arts and the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) at a hearing in Canberra for its inquiry into broadcasting, online content and live production to rural and regional Australia.

Committee Chairman, the Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP, said the Committee has heard from a range of media and arts groups at its recent hearings, and now looks forward to receiving evidence from these key government agencies about their important policy, funding and regulatory roles.

“The Department of Communications and the Arts plays an important role in policy setting, and providing funding for public broadcasters and subsidies for the arts,” Mrs Bishop said.

“ACMA, which is responsible for the regulation of broadcasting, the internet, radiocommunications and telecommunications, will appear with the Department to provide information on broadcasting to rural and regional Australia. In its 2013 investigation into local content, ACMA found that local content is important and valued by regional Australians.”

Public hearing details:

Date: Tuesday, 15 March 2016

Time: 3.40pm to 5.00pm

Location: Committee Room 1R2, Parliament House, Canberra

[Live webcast \(audio only\)](#)

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For further background information on the inquiry and Committee, please visit the Committee website www.aph.gov.au/communications or contact the secretariat: (02) 6277 4386 or communications.reps@aph.gov.au