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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES**

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## **Community questions prompt second National Capital Authority hearing**

Following a high level of public interest, the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories will hold a second hearing with the National Capital Authority this week.

Committee Chair Mr Andrew Hastie MP said a second hearing would allow the Committee to put more of the public's questions to the NCA.

"This was the first time that the committee has asked for input from the public through Facebook, so that members could put the community's questions directly to the National Capital Authority," Mr Hastie said.

"We've received a pleasing number of responses – 22 in total, 13 of which related to concerns about proposed development at the Lake Burley Griffin West basin and amenity.

"The Committee discussed community concerns in these areas with the NCA, and other topics including its consultation with local Indigenous people, protecting the heritage value of Canberra's garden suburbs and biodiversity around the lake, and whether the NCA has any say in the proposed demolition of Bruce Hall at the Australian National University."

The Committee foreshadowed that additional issues to be discussed could include works affecting Parliament House and the management of Canberra's Diplomatic Estate.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe proceedings.

**Public hearing details: 10:00 am**

**Thursday 1 December 2016**

**Committee Room 1R2, Parliament House, Canberra**

The hearing will be webcast at [www.aph.gov.au/live](http://www.aph.gov.au/live)

Further information about the inquiry can be accessed via the Committee's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/ncet>.

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