



Indigenous Affairs Committee cancels Groote Eylandt hearing due to Cyclone

The House Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs has been forced to cancel a public hearing to be held on Groote Eylandt on Wednesday 18 February 2015 for the inquiry into the harmful use of alcohol in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Current weather advice has Tropical Cyclone Lam strengthening in the Gulf of Carpentaria, and approaching Groote Eylandt. The Committee has therefore decided to postpone this planned hearing to a future date to be decided as soon as possible.

Further details about the Committee's inquiry are available at www.aph.gov.au/indigenousaffairs

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