



Electoral education inquiry continues in South Australia

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters will conduct school visits to regional and rural parts of South Australia, and hold a public hearing in Adelaide as part of its inquiry into electoral education.

Tomorrow, the Committee will visit schools in the Federal Electorate of Barker to see current civic education programs in action, and engage with students on the matter of electoral education.

Then, in a half day hearing on Thursday 30 July, the Committee will hear from several witnesses on electoral education services currently delivered to students and teachers across South Australia, including the Electoral Commission of South Australia, Professor Clement Macintyre, and Katie Silva, President of Humanities and Social Sciences South Australia.

The Chair of the Committee, Mr Tony Smith MP, said he is looking forward to engaging with students and teachers.

"Schools are responsible for delivering civic and electoral education to the future custodians of our democracy," Mr Smith said.

"It will be interesting to witness some successful civic programs in action, and gain insight into ways we can foster active citizenry amongst our youth."

Public hearing details

Date: 30 July 2015

Time: 8.45am– 12.00pm

Location: Education Development Centre, Room 1.11AB, 4 Milner Street, Hindmarsh SA 5007

Submissions to the committee for the inquiry remain open. Further public hearings will be scheduled and advertised in the near future at www.aph.gov.au/em

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