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### House of Representatives Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy Inquiry into modernising Australia's electricity grid

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## Electricity on the agenda in Melbourne and Adelaide

The [House of Representatives Environment and Energy Committee](#) will continue its program of public hearings this week for the inquiry into modernising Australia's electricity grid.

On Thursday, the Committee will travel to Melbourne to hear from key stakeholders in the National Electricity Market state of Victoria. The Australian Energy Council will give evidence about the important role energy companies play in ensuring the efficient and effective workings of the electricity grid, with AusNet Services, the Grattan Institute and ACIL Allen also scheduled to give evidence.

On Friday, the Committee will travel to Adelaide, which is also on the national electricity grid. In Adelaide, the Committee will hear from the Government of South Australia in relation to how it anticipates the electricity grid needs to be modernised. In Adelaide, the Committee will also hear from academics and engineers about the challenges of modernising the grid.

The Chair of the Committee, Mr Andrew Broad MP, said the Committee was seeking to gather a range of perspectives particularly from states that are on the electricity grid. "Victoria is an important electricity grid state, and we are looking forward to hearing how Victorians are responding to the changing needs of the grid," Mr Broad said.

The Deputy Chair of the Committee, Mr Pat Conroy MP, said the Committee was looking forward to hearing from energy economists about the changing nature of the grid. "The Committee is keen to hear about how the economics of the grid are changing over time, and how we can ensure that any efforts to modernise the grid take this into consideration," Mr Conroy said.

As part of the inquiry, the Committee is encouraging members of the community to share their views on the electricity system via an [online questionnaire](#).

Further information about the inquiry, including submissions from organisations appearing at the hearings, is available on the inquiry website, at [www.aph.gov.au/moderngrid](http://www.aph.gov.au/moderngrid).

#### **Melbourne public hearing details:**

**10:30 am – 2:45 pm, Thursday, 31 August 2017**

**Legislative Council Committee Room, Parliament House, Melbourne**

#### **Adelaide public hearing details:**

**9:00 am – 12:00 am, Friday, 1 September 2017**

**Balcony Room, Parliament House, Adelaide**

The hearings will be broadcast live at [aph.gov.au/live](http://aph.gov.au/live)



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