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### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON NORTHERN AUSTRALIA

Inquiry into Opportunities and Methods for Stimulating the Tourism Industry in Northern Australia

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Wednesday, 23 May 2018

## Northern Australia Tourism on the Agenda in Canberra

The Parliament's Northern Australia Committee is holding a public hearing in reference to its *Inquiry into Opportunities and Methods for Stimulating the Tourism Industry in Northern Australia* on **Friday, 25 May 2018** in Parliament House, Canberra.

The Committee Chair, the Hon Warren Entsch MP, stated 'the tourism industry in Northern Australia faces substantial challenges to growth, including the expense and distance associated with travelling to the north, seasonality and vulnerability to extreme weather events, and regulatory obstacles to development. The isolation of many parts of Northern Australia, including the Indian Ocean Territories, creates additional impediments to attracting visitors.'

'At the same time, Northern Australia's natural and cultural assets and its close proximity to Asia present significant economic and social opportunities. I look forward to hearing from government agencies about how we can build on these strengths and facilitate the development of tourism in Northern Australia, particularly in remote regions,' the Chair said.

The hearing program and further information about the Committee's inquiry is available on the Committee's website: [www.aph.gov.au/jscna](http://www.aph.gov.au/jscna). The hearing will be broadcast live at [aph.gov.au/live](http://aph.gov.au/live).

### PUBLIC HEARING DETAILS:

**Friday, 25 May 2018, 8.30 am – 11.30 am**

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

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