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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON NORTHERN AUSTRALIA

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

Tuesday, 20 June 2017

Tourism Rebounds after Cyclone Debbie

Parliament's [Joint Standing Committee on Northern Australia](#) will hold public hearings at Airlie Beach and Hamilton Island for its inquiry into *Opportunities and Methods for Stimulating the Tourism Industry in Northern Australia* on **Sunday 25 June and Monday 26 June 2017**.

The region recently bore the brunt of Cyclone Debbie and the tourism industry has rebounded and is gearing up for the 2017 season.

The Committee Chair, the Hon Warren Entsch MP, said North Queensland has bounced back after Cyclone Debbie and the Committee will be talking to the major tourism operators in the region.

"A wide variety of tourism experiences are offered in the Whitsunday Islands including island resorts and small businesses on the mainland. In the face of extreme weather events, business resilience is key to the success of an industry that is vital to the local economy," Mr Entsch said.

The Committee will receive evidence from resort operators and small tourism operators on the mainland as well as from the region's tourism representative bodies.

PUBLIC HEARING DETAILS:

HAMILTON ISLAND: 9.45 am to 1.00 pm, Sunday, 25 June 2017, Ketch Room, Yacht Club, Hamilton Island

AIRLIE BEACH: 9.45 am to 2.35 pm, Monday, 26 June 2017, Mantra Club Croc, Shute Harbour Road, Cannonvale

The proceedings will be broadcast live (audio only) at aph.gov.au/live.

The hearing program and further information about the Committee's inquiry, including the terms of reference is available on the Committee's [website](#).

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