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HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS  
Public hearings: Australian music industry

Chair: Luke Howarth MP  
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## **‘It’s a long way to the top if you want to rock and roll’ Committee to hear from Australian artists at public hearing in Brisbane**

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Communications and the Arts will hold a public hearing in Brisbane on Wednesday 6 February and a public hearing in Canberra on Wednesday 13 February for its inquiry into the Australian music industry.

The Chair, Mr Luke Howarth MP, said that the committee is continuing to examine the potential for continued growth and the factors affecting the success of the Australian music industry, both domestically and internationally.

‘Artists are the heart and soul of the industry. Without Australian artists there would be no Australian music industry. Australians are known for pushing the boundaries of music in their fields, combining musical excellence with fresh, bold, and innovative ideas.’ Mr Howarth said.

The committee will hear from a range of Australian songwriters, composers, and performing artists.

Mr Howarth explained that, ‘as Australian band AC/DC famously put it, “it’s a long way to the top if you want to rock and roll”. At this hearing, we will hear from Australian artists regarding their experiences and the challenges they face during that climb to the top.’

On Wednesday 13 February, the committee will hear from the Department of Communications and the Arts.

The public hearings will be broadcast [live on the web](#) (audio only).

### **Public hearing details:**

#### **BRISBANE**

**Date:** Wednesday, 6 February 2019

**Time:** 9.30am to 12.45pm

**Venue:** Undumbi Room, Queensland Parliament House, Crn George and Alice Streets, BRISBANE

#### **CANBERRA**

**Date:** Wednesday, 13 February 2019

**Time:** 12.40pm to 1.20pm

**Venue:** Committee Room 1R6, Parliament House, CANBERRA

Programs for the hearings are available on the committee’s [website](#).

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