



**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE  
NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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Chair: Luke Simpkins MP

## **First hearing on governance in the Indian Ocean Territories**

Phosphate Resources Ltd, producer of phosphate rock and a major contributor to the Christmas Island economy, will appear at the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories' first hearing for its new inquiry into governance in the Indian Ocean Territories.

**PUBLIC HEARING      Committee Room 1R2**

Date: Thursday, 26 March 2015

10:30 am      Mr Kevin Edwards, Chief Operating Officer and Company Secretary,  
Phosphate Resources Ltd.

11:00 am      Close

The Committee Chair, Mr Luke Simpkins MP said, "we are visiting Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands in April and are looking forward to having discussions with a range of stakeholders there, including residents and community groups, government, business and industry."

"Phosphate Resources is one of the main private sector employers on Christmas Island, and the sustainability of mining and the Christmas Island economy are some of the topics we will explore with them," he said.

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