



## Already planning for Christmas: land management in the Indian Ocean Territories

The National Capital and External Territories Committee will continue to examine Crown land management, local planning processes and the prospects for economic development on Christmas and Cocos (Keeling) Islands, as part of its [inquiry into governance in the Indian Ocean Territories](#).

Calmy Planning and Design has extensive consultancy and project management experience in the Indian Ocean Territories, including development of the 2009 Crown land management plans.

Committee Chair, Mr Luke Simpkins MP says land access is a priority for stakeholders.

“We’re hearing that people want clear policy and regulatory processes that support economic development. We need to see progress on these matters if we are going to increase development opportunities and grow investor confidence into the future,” he said.

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE**      **Thursday 10 September 2015**

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

<b>PROGRAM:</b>	10:05 am	Calmy Planning and Design (via teleconference)
	10:35 am	Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
	11:00 am	Close

All members of the public are welcome to observe proceedings.

The hearing will be webcast at [www.aph.gov.au/live](http://www.aph.gov.au/live)

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