Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories

Inquiry into Australia's Antarctic Territory

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Antarctica inquiry continues

The <u>Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories</u> will hear from political scientist, Professor Anne-Marie Brady, at the final public hearing for the inquiry into Australia's Antarctic Territory, on February 15 in Canberra.

Committee Chair, Mr Ben Morton MP, said the Committee was looking forward to hearing from Professor Brady on her recent analysis of Chinese activity in eastern Antarctic, including in Australia's Antarctica Territory.

The Committee will also hear evidence on international engagement and other topics related to Australia's Antarctic Program from a number of Australian Government agencies, including the Department of the Environment and Energy, the Department of Defence, the Department of Finance and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Further information, including submissions made to the inquiry, and the details of upcoming public hearings may be found on the Committee's <u>website</u>.

Public hearing details: 4:30 pm – 7:20 pm, Thursday, 15 February 2018, Committee Room 2S3, Parliament House, Canberra

4.30pm: Professor Anne-Marie Brady

5.10pm Department of Defence (submission #14)

5.40pm Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (<u>submission #17</u>)

6.30pm Department of Finance

7.00pm Department of the Environment and Energy (submission #13)

The hearings will be broadcast live at aph.gov.au/live

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