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Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories

Inquiry into Commonwealth and Parliamentary approvals for the proposed Stage 2 of the Australian Capital Territory light rail project

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The [Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories](#) has commenced an inquiry into the Commonwealth and Parliamentary approvals for Stage 2 of the Australian Capital Territory's light rail project. In conducting its inquiry, the Committee will consider:

- the relevant parliamentary approval processes for works within the Parliamentary zone;
- the roles of the National Capital Authority and the Australian Government, and the associated approval processes;
- possible impacts on the Parliamentary zone and Parliamentary precincts;
- possible impacts on the heritage values and national importance of the Parliamentary zone and the national capital; and
- matters that may be of concern prior to formal Parliamentary or Commonwealth consideration of the project.

In launching the new inquiry, Chair of the Committee [Mr Ben Morton MP](#) said, "the land around the Federal Parliament is an important space for all Australians, and it is therefore appropriate that the Parliament has a role in ensuring that any proposals for change preserve this significance. The inquiry will also provide the ACT Government with an early indication of the Parliament's view of its proposal."

The Committee will accept written submissions, addressing one or more of the terms of reference, until **Friday, 15 June 2018**.

Further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, is available on the inquiry webpage. Information about [how to make a submission to an inquiry](#) can be obtained from the Parliament of Australia webpage.

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