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House of Representatives Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy Inquiry into modernising Australia's electricity grid

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Modernising the grid from Canberra to Brisbane

The [House of Representatives Environment and Energy Committee](#) will hold two public hearings this week for the inquiry into modernising Australia's electricity grid.

On Thursday, the Committee will hear from researchers from the Australian National University, the University of Melbourne, the University of New South Wales, and the University of Sydney at a public hearing in Canberra.

On Friday, the Committee will travel to Brisbane to hear from representatives of the agricultural sector, along with ERM Power and the University of Queensland Energy Institute.

The Chair of the Committee, Mr Andrew Broad MP, said the Committee was seeking to gather a range of perspectives on the electricity system. "The hearing in Brisbane is a valuable opportunity for the Committee to hear about the importance of electricity supply in the agricultural sector," Mr Broad said.

The Deputy Chair of the Committee, Mr Pat Conroy MP, said the Committee was looking forward to hearing from energy researchers about the changing nature of the grid. "The Committee is keen to hear about the latest research into the electricity transmission and distribution system, and about opportunities to modernise the grid," Mr Conroy said.

As part of the inquiry, the Committee is encouraging members of the community to share their views on the electricity system via an [online questionnaire](#).

Further information about the inquiry, including submissions from organisations appearing at the hearings, is available on the inquiry website, at www.aph.gov.au/moderngrid.

Canberra public hearing details:

9:45 am – 11:15 am, Thursday, 17 August 2017, Parliament House, Canberra

Brisbane public hearing details:

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, Friday, 18 August 2017, Parliament House, Brisbane

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

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