

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND AID SUB-COMMITTEE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE

Inquiry into strategic effectiveness and outcomes of Australia's aid program

Committee to discuss Australia's aid program in Canberra

A parliamentary committee will discuss Australia's aid program in Canberra on Thursday.

The Foreign Affairs and Aid Sub-Committee of the Parliament's <u>Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs</u>, <u>Defence and Trade</u> is examining the <u>strategic effectiveness and outcomes of Australia's aid program in the Indo-Pacific region</u>, particularly the role of the private sector, local procurement, trade development, innovation, and improving outcomes for women and girls. The Sub-Committee will meet with representatives from a range of organisations at a public hearing on Thursday 15 November in Canberra.

Chair of the Sub-Committee, Mr Chris Crewther MP, said the Sub-Committee welcomed the opportunity to discuss Australia's aid program with NGOs, advocates, business groups and academics.

"The Sub-Committee looks forward to exploring how Australian aid is supporting countries in our region, and examining ways to ensure that our aid dollars are helping our aid partners build strong, prosperous and sustainable local economies," Mr Crewther said.

Public hearing details: 8:45am to 5:00pm, Thursday 15 November, Committee Room 1S4, Parliament House, CANBERRA

The program is available from the committee's

website: https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary Business/Committees/Joint/Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade/Australiasaidprogram/Public Hearings

This hearing will be streamed live at www.aph.gov.au/live.

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