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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES

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National Capital Authority hearings crowdsourced

The Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories will this week hold a hearing with a twist – it has taken to Facebook to call on questions from Canberra’s public.

Committee Chair Mr Andrew Hastie MP said the committee’s biannual hearing with the National Capital Authority is an excellent opportunity for Canberra’s community to have their say.

“The National Capital Authority has a special role as the trustee of Australia’s capital,” Mr Hastie said.

“Opening the floor to questions from the public is a great way to demonstrate transparency and accountability when it comes to the NCA’s work.”

While Parliamentary committees have always accepted submissions from the public, it is new for a committee to use Facebook to get questions directly from the public.

Mr Hastie said the public’s questions will be put to the NCA during a hearing on Thursday.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe proceedings.

Public hearing details: 10:15am

Thursday 24 November 2016

Committee Room 1R2, Parliament House, Canberra

The hearing will be webcast at www.aph.gov.au/live

Further information about the inquiry can be accessed via the Committee’s website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/ncet>.

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