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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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Discussing the future of electricity networks

The [House of Representatives Environment and Energy Committee](#) will hear from Energy Networks Australia on Thursday at a public hearing for the inquiry into modernising Australia's electricity grid.

The Chair of the Committee, Mr Andrew Broad MP, said the Committee was looking forward to hearing about the changing role of transmission and distribution networks in the grid.

"The Committee is keen to hear how network businesses are adapting to the transition underway in the electricity system, and whether further changes are required to ensure that the system can deliver secure, affordable, and sustainable electricity into the future," Mr Broad said.

The Deputy Chair of the Committee, Mr Pat Conroy MP, said the Committee would also be interested in hearing about the potential for transmission and distribution networks to reduce costs for consumers.

"The Committee is aware that network costs make up about half of the average electricity bill. The hearing is an opportunity for the Committee to discuss how a modern grid can achieve better outcomes for households and businesses," 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 a submission from Energy Networks Australia, is available on the inquiry website, at www.aph.gov.au/moderngrid.

Public hearing details: 10:00 am – 10:45 am, Thursday 1 June 2017, Parliament House, Canberra

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

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