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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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National Capital under the spotlight

The [Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories](#) will hold three public hearings in Canberra this week. Two inquiries—the first considering approval processes for Stage 2 of the Australian Capital Territory's light rail project, and the second looking into Canberra's national institutions—will commence their schedule of public hearings. The Committee will also hold its biannual public briefing with the National Capital Authority.

Biannual briefing – National Capital Authority

On Thursday morning, the Committee will hold its biannual public hearing with the National Capital Authority and consider current issues within the jurisdiction and operation of the Authority.

Public hearing details: 10:10 am – 11:00 am, Thursday, 21 June 2018, Committee Room 1R1, Parliament House, Canberra

Inquiry into Commonwealth and Parliamentary approvals for the proposed Stage 2 of the ACT light rail project

On Thursday afternoon, the Committee will commence hearings for its inquiry into approval processes for Stage 2 of the ACT's light rail project and hear from a range of key stakeholders:

- 4.30pm: ACT Government
- 5.00pm: Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities
- 5.30pm: National Capital Authority
- 6.00pm: Community Roundtable (Lake Burley Griffin Guardians, Kingston/Barton Residents' Group and Inner South Canberra Community Council)

Public hearing details: 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm, Thursday, 21 June 2018, Committee Room 2R2, Parliament House, Canberra



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Inquiry into Canberra's national institutions

On Friday, the Committee will hear evidence from a number of Canberra's national institutions on the innovative strategies that they are using to maintain viability and relevance to sustainably grow their profile, visitor numbers, and revenue. The Committee will also hear from both the Federal Department of Communications and the Arts, and the ACT Attorney General and Minister for the Arts and Community Events, Mr Gordon Ramsay MLA.

- 9.00am: Department of Communications and the Arts (Submission 1)
- 9.30am: ACT Government (Submission 69)
- 10.20am: National Library of Australia (Submission 41)
National Archives of Australia (Submission 54)
National Film and Sound Archive of Australia (Submission 28)
- 11.20am: Department of Industry Innovation and Science (Submission 67)
- 12.50pm: Australian War Memorial (Submission 32)
- 1.30pm: National Gallery of Australia (Submission 47)
National Museum of Australia (Submission 59)
National Portrait Gallery of Australia
- 2.30pm: Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (Submission 66)

Public hearing details: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Friday, 22 June 2018, Committee Room 1R4, Parliament House, Canberra

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

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