



Committee to examine land management in the Indian Ocean Territories

The National Capital and External Territories Committee will examine Crown land management, local planning processes and the prospects for economic development on Christmas and Cocos (Keeling) Islands as part of its inquiry into governance in the Indian Ocean Territories.

Local government representatives from the Indian Ocean Territories will participate via teleconference in a public hearing to be held in Canberra tomorrow.

Committee Chair, Mr Luke Simpkins MP said, “access to land, together with clear policy and processes that support development are essential to improve investor confidence and increase opportunities for tourism and other industries in the Indian Ocean Territories’ economy.”

PUBLIC HEARING DATE **Thursday 20 August 2015**

VENUE **Committee Room 1R2, Parliament House, Canberra**

PROGRAM:	10:35 am	Chair’s opening statement
	10:40 am	Shire of Christmas Island
	11:05 am	Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands
	11:30 am	Close.

Members of the public are welcome to observe proceedings.

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

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