

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNICATIONS

Issued: 13 August 2015

Chairman: Mrs J Prentice MP

Deputy Chair: The Hon M Thistlethwaite MP

Transforming infrastructure—transforming society

Australia has the potential to lead in one of the defining industrial developments of the 21st century, according to Aurecon Digital Advisory, specialists in the delivery of social and economic infrastructure, who are set to appear at the House Standing Committee on Infrastructure and Communication's Inquiry into the role of Smart ICT in the design and planning of infrastructure.

A range of witnesses from government and industry will explore the potential for smart ICT in transforming the way we plan, build and utilise infrastructure, by utilising emerging technologies and information systems.

In its submission, Aurecon Digital Advisory noted that by investing in smart infrastructure, Australia would capture not only the value of built infrastructure assets, but also the data required to create a digital and smart city economy, which will transform the lives of all Australians.

Committee Chairman Jane Prentice (Ryan, Qld) said that Smart ICT has the power to completely transform the way we plan, develop and interact with the infrastructure that powers our economy.

"With careful management, appropriate resourcing, and targeted incentives, we have the opportunity to radically improve the efficiency and effectiveness of transport systems, public utilities and the urban environment," Mrs Prentice said.

Details of the hearing are as follows:

Date: Friday, 14 August 2015 Time: 9:30 am-12:15 pm

Venue: Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

9:30am	Department of Communications (Submission 27)
10:00am	Aurecon (Submission 22)
10:45am	Australian Procurement and Construction Council (Submission 9)
11.15am	Department of Infrastructure & Regional Services (Submission 28)
11:45am	Engineers Australia (Submission 25)

Further information on the Inquiry, including the full terms of reference and how to prepare a submission can be obtained from the Committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/ic or from the Secretariat on (02) 6277 2352.

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