



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport, Regional
Development & Local Government Committee**

MEDIA RELEASE

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Helping regional Australia respond to the global financial crisis

Sydney public hearing

The House of Representatives Regional Development Committee is conducting a series of public hearings as part of its inquiry into the impact of the global financial crisis on regional Australia.

The eighth hearing of this inquiry will be in Sydney on the 6 July. Organisations representing banks, Australian mutuals, mortgage insurers and the business community have been invited by the Committee to discuss financial issues relating to the crisis.

In addition, the Committee will be discussing the impact of the crisis on Australian tourism with the Transport and Tourism Forum. Members of the public are welcome to observe the proceedings.

The Committee will also be visiting Broken Hill during the month of July with further hearings to follow.

PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM

Waratah Room, NSW Parliament, Macquarie Street

9.00am – 10.00am	Genworth Financial
10.00am – 10.45am	The NSW Legal Assistance Forum
11.00am – 11.45am	Abacus – Australian Mutuals
11.45am – 12.30pm	The Australian Bankers Association
1.00pm – 1.45pm	NSW Business Chamber
1.45pm – 2.30pm	Tourism and Transport Forum

Further details, including complete hearing programs, the full terms of reference, membership of the Committee can be found on the Committee's website:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/itrdlg>

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