



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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*Chair: Catherine King MP*

## **Helping regional Australia respond to the global financial crisis**

### **Canberra 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 eleventh hearing of this inquiry will be in Canberra (Committee Room 1R4, Parliament House) on the 14th August. Federal Government departments and interest groups have been invited by the Committee to discuss the ways in which they are addressing the crisis in regional Australia and options for further government support. Members of the public are welcome to observe the proceedings.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM**

9.00am – 10.15am	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
10.30am – 11.00am	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
11.00am – 12.15pm	Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Department of Human Services
2.00pm – 2.30pm	National Farmers' Federation
2.30pm – 3.15pm	Australian Local Government Association
3.30pm – 4.00pm	Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism

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

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

The hearing will be webcast on: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

#### **For media comment:**

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