



# Review of building an immigration bridge over Canberra lake

Federal Parliament's National Capital Committee has begun a new inquiry investigating the Immigration Bridge Australia (IBA) proposal. IBA is proposing to build a 400m pedestrian bridge across Lake Burley Griffin to commemorate the migrant contribution to Australia for completion before Canberra's centenary celebrations in 2013.

The proposed Immigration Bridge will stretch over the lake from Lennox Gardens near the Hyatt Hotel to the National Museum of Australia on Acton Peninsula. IBA is raising funds for the bridge by offering more than 200,000 immigrant families and their ancestors the opportunity to pay to have their names engraved on the handrails of this bridge.

The joint standing committee's terms of reference are to inquire into and report on:

1. The process adopted by Immigration Bridge Australia (IBA) to settle the design for the Immigration Bridge (the Bridge) taking into account:
  - a. the heritage values of Lake Burley Griffin and its foreshore, and
  - b. the interests of users of the Lake.
2. The process that has been adopted by IBA to raise funds for the construction and ongoing maintenance of the Bridge.
3. The approval process required under the *Australian Capital Territory (Planning and Land Management) Act 1988* if an application for approval of the Bridge were received by the National Capital Authority.

The committee is expected to report by the end of May 2009. **The committee will accept submissions until Friday, 27 March 2009.**

Submissions may also be posted to:

The Committee Secretary  
Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories  
PO Box 6021, Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600.

Further details about the inquiry, including how to make a submission, can be obtained from the committee's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ncet/index.htm> or by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4355 or emailing [jscncet@aph.gov.au](mailto:jscncet@aph.gov.au).

**To arrange media comment:** Please contact the Chair of the Committee, Senator Kate Lundy on (02) 6230 0411 (electorate office).