



Final hearing for controversial ACTA treaty

The final public hearing on the controversial Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA) will be held in Canberra on Monday, 7 May.

The ACTA is designed to create robust Intellectual Property (IP) enforcement standards aimed at reducing the international trade in goods infringing IP, such as counterfeit trademarks and pirated copyright products.

Treaties committee chair, Mr Kelvin Thomson MP, said the third and final public hearing is being conducted so that the committee can gather as many perspectives on the treaty as possible, given it has inspired such a robust critical debate.

“The committee understands that this is a controversial treaty nationally and internationally and is interested in hearing all points of view”, Mr Thomson said.

The Committee will also review a number of other treaties that were tabled in the Parliament on 7 February and 28 February 2012.

**Public Hearing: Monday 7 May 2012, Members' Dining Room 1, Old Parliament House
Canberra — All welcome**

- 9:00am** Agreement between Australia and the European Union Amending the Agreement on Mutual Recognition in relation to Conformity Assessment, Certificates and Markings between Australia and the European Community (Brussels, 23 February 2012)
- 9:30am** Amendments to the Agreement Establishing the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development adopted at London on 30 September 2011
- 10:00am** Convention providing a Uniform Law on the Form of an International Will (Washington D.C., 26 October 1973)
- 10:45am** Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (New York, 18 December 2002)
- ANTI COUNTERFEITING TRADE AGREEMENT**
- 1.00pm** Dr Luigi Palombi
- 2.00pm** Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

The hearing will be broadcast through http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament

Copies of the *National Interest Analysis* and treaty texts are available under Treaties tabled on 21 November 2011, 7 February and 28 February 2012 at:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/reports.htm>.

Alternatively, interested parties may email jsct@aph.gov.au or phone (02) 6277 4002.

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