



## ***Global cruise industry at Canberra public hearing***

As part of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs inquiry into crimes committed at sea, the newly-formed global cruise industry association will give evidence at a public hearing in Canberra tomorrow.

Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) represents the interests of cruise lines, travel agents, port authorities and destinations, and various industry business partners before regulatory and legislative policy makers. The International Cruise Council Australasia is the Australasian member organisation.

The Committee Chair, Mr Graham Perrett MP, said that ‘the Committee appreciates that the nature of the cruise industry is international, and looks forward to hearing how CLIA promotes uniform standards among its members and its work with the International Maritime Organization.’

‘Many cruise ships are flagged in states of convenience such as the Bahamas, Panama, Liberia and Malta, and ultimately the flag state applies and enforces the laws and regulations in international waters’, Mr Perrett said. ‘This can water down the effectiveness of guidelines, policies and legislation that look good on paper.’

**Public Hearing**  
**Thursday, 7 February 2013**  
**Committee Room 1R3**  
**Parliament House**  
**Canberra**

9.15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christine Duffy, CEO, Cruise Lines International Association</li> <li>• Gavin Smith, Chairman, International Cruise Council Australasia</li> </ul>
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The hearing will be broadcast live: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

For information about the inquiry, including the Terms of Reference and advice on making submissions, see the Committee’s website at [www.aph.gov.au/crimesatsea](http://www.aph.gov.au/crimesatsea) or contact the committee secretariat on **(02) 6277 2358**.

**For media comment**, please contact the Committee Chair, Mr Graham Perrett MP, on (07) 3344 2622 or 0423 280 131.

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