



Lombok Treaty Public Hearing

The Treaties Committee will hear further evidence on the Lombok Treaty at a public hearing on Monday 26 March 2007. The Committee will hear from the director of the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre at the Australian National University, Professor Hugh White, who has written a recent article expressing his scepticism on the value of the Agreement.

The Committee will also hear from the Australian Council for International Development, whose submission expresses concern that non-profit agencies might be disadvantaged as a result of misinterpretation of three key terms in the Agreement, as well as the Human Rights Law Resources Centre and ELSHAM, the Institute for Human Rights Study and Advocacy, Papua.

The Committee has received over 50 submissions to the inquiry which are available on the Committee's website:

www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/6december2006/index.htm

The Committee will also hear evidence relating to four other treaty actions.

The public hearing will be held in **Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra** on **Monday, 26 March 2007** from **10.00 am**. The public hearing will be broadcast on the House Monitoring Service, radio and webcast on the Parliament House website <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>. Further information about the inquiry is available on the Committee's website:

PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM

- 10.00 am Agreement between Australia and the Swiss Confederation on Social Security;
- 10.15 am Agreement between Australia and Finland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with respect to Taxes on Income and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion, and Protocol;
- 10.30 am Agreement between Australia and the Republic of Korea on the Protection of Migratory Birds, and Exchange of Notes;
- 10.45 am Measure 4 (2006) Specially Protected Species: Fur Seals;
- 11.00 am Agreement between Australia and the Republic of Indonesia on the Framework for Security Cooperation:
 - 11.00 am – 11. 20 am Australian Council for International Development;
 - 11.20 am – 11.40 am Human Rights Law Resources Centre;
 - 11.40 am – 12.00 pm ELSHAM, Institute for Human Rights Study and Advocacy
 - 12.00 pm – 12.30 pm Professor Hugh White, Australian National University;

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