

## **Inquiry into Capacity Building in Indigenous Communities**

### **Public Hearing - Canberra, Wednesday 23 October 2002**

The House of Representatives Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Committee is examining strategies to assist Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders better manage the delivery of services within their communities.

In particular, the Committee is considering ways of building the capacities of:

- (a) **community members** to better support families, community organisations and representative councils so as to deliver the best outcomes for individuals, families and communities;
- (b) **Indigenous organisations** to better deliver and influence the delivery of services in the most effective, efficient and accountable way; and
- (c) **government agencies** so that policy direction and management structures will improve individual and community outcomes for Indigenous people.

The Committee will hear this afternoon (Wednesday 23 October) from the Australian National University's Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**WHO:** Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, Australian National University

**WHEN:** Wednesday 23 October, 4.45pm

**WHERE:** Committee Room 1R1, Parliament House, Canberra

"Governments now acknowledge that efforts to reduce Indigenous disadvantage are more likely to be successful if Indigenous people have a central role in the design and delivery of services which they identify they need," says Committee Chair, Barry Wakelin MP.

"This inquiry aims to find strategies to build the capacity of Indigenous individuals, communities and organisations to identify, design and manage the delivery of services and facilities such as housing, roads and health care."

**For media comment**, contact Committee Chairman, Barry Wakelin MP on telephone (02) 6277 4943.

**For further information**, contact the Inquiry Secretary, Jacqui Dewar, on (02) 6277 4559, or visit the Inquiry website at [www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/atsia/indigenouscommunities/inqinde.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/atsia/indigenouscommunities/inqinde.htm)

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