



## Community stores and food supply in the Torres Strait

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs will hold its first public hearing for its inquiry into community stores in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait communities.

The inquiry is examining the operation of local community stores in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait communities, including their food supply, quality and cost and competition issues.

Anthropologist, Mr Kevin Murphy will advise the Committee on traditional food sources and supply in the Torres Strait.

The Committee is inviting submissions by **Friday, 20 February 2009**. Further details on the inquiry, including the terms of reference and advice on making submissions can be obtained on the Committee's website at [www.aph.gov.au/atsia](http://www.aph.gov.au/atsia) or by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4559 or emailing [atsia.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:atsia.reps@aph.gov.au).

**Public hearing on Thursday 5 February 2009**  
**Venue: Committee Room 1R2 Parliament House**

**12.15pm Mr Kevin Murphy**

**For media comment**, please contact the Committee Chair Mr Richard Marles on (02) 62774330.

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