



JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES

Inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority

Chair: Senator Kate Lundy

Public hearings into the role of the National Capital Authority

Federal Parliament's National Capital Committee will conduct a series of public hearings as part of its inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority (NCA) in the planning, development and promotion of the national capital Canberra.

Committee Chair Senator Kate Lundy said "the inquiry provides an opportunity to scrutinise the role of the NCA and, in particular, address growing concerns about the adequacy of the ACT dual planning regime".

The first public hearings will be held on Monday, 21, Tuesday, 22 and Wednesday, 23 April 2008. The hearing on Monday, 21 April will be held at the Albert Hall. As part of this hearing there will be a **public forum** where individuals will have opportunities to make short statements addressing the terms of reference.

"A key objective of the inquiry is to make findings and propose recommendations that achieve a more logical and simplified planning regime while ensuring that Canberra and the Territory are planned in accordance with their national significance", said Senator Lundy

In addition to the dual planning regime, the committee will examine the administration of the National Capital Plan and the NCA's responsibility for promotion of the National Capital. Hearings are open to the public and anyone interested in the inquiry is welcome to attend. The hearing program is shown below:

Monday, 21 April 2008 Albert Hall, Canberra	Tuesday, 22 April 2008 Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra	Wednesday, 23 April 2008 Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra
9.00am Walter Burley Griffin Society	9.00am ACT Government	9.00am Master Builders Association
10.00am Friends of Albert Hall	10.45am Canberra Business Council	10.15am Planning Institute of Australia
10.30am National Capital Authority	11.30am Canberra International Airport	11.00am ACT Heritage Council
1.30pm Attorney-General's Department	12.15pm Property Council of Australia	12.00pm National Trust of Australia
2.30pm Royal Australian Institute of Architects	2.00pm Law Society of the ACT	2.00pm Mr Ed Wensing, Mr Grahame Crocket, Mr Paul Howorth
3.30pm Public Forum	2.30pm Australian Institute of Landscape Architects	2.30pm Professor Ken Taylor
	3.00pm TBC	3.00pm Canberra Region Tourism Operators Association
	3.45pm Hindmarsh Group	4.00pm Ms Rosemarie Willett
	4.15pm Canberra Carillonists	

Further details about the inquiry can be obtained from the committee's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ncet/index.htm> or by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4355 or emailing jscncet@aph.gov.au. Information about the National Capital Authority can be found at <http://www.nationalcapital.gov.au/>.

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