



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Standing Committee on Transport and Regional Services

MEDIA ALERT

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Chair: Paul Neville MP

Inquiry into regional aviation in Australia

Public hearings in Adelaide and Kangaroo Island, Monday 14 April – Wednesday 16 April 2003

The House of Representatives Transport and Regional Services Committee is examining the adequacy of regional aviation services and transport links to Australia's major populated islands.

The Committee will visit **Adelaide** and **Kangaroo Island** next week to gather evidence from government, airline operators and airport owners.

House Transport Committee Chair, Mr Paul Neville MP, said the inquiry has generated considerable interest around Australia with 168 submissions received from interested organisations and individuals.

"While the community and industry in larger centres are well served by the current arrangements, services could be improved to a number of regional centres, particularly those in remote Australia. Key issues are costs and returns, service levels, interconnectivity between services, regulation and coordination," Mr Neville said.

Media and the public are most welcome to attend the public hearings, details of which appear below.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Monday, 14 April 2003 10.30am – 12.00noon, Stamford Grand, Glenelg

Scheduled Witnesses:

- Hon Liz Penfold MP, Member for Flinders, Parliament of South Australia
- District Council of Grant

Tuesday, 15 April 2003, 11.00am – 12.30pm, Kangaroo Island Council Chambers, Kingscote

Scheduled Witnesses:

- Kangaroo Island Development Board
- Kangaroo Island Council

Wednesday, 16 April 2003, 9.00am – 12.15pm, Stamford Grand, Glenelg

Scheduled Witnesses:

- South Australia Government
- District Council of Coober Pedy
- Whyalla City Council
- Northern Areas Council

For **media comment**, please contact:

Paul Neville, House Transport and Regional Services Committee Chair, on (07) 4152 0744

For **background information**, including the full terms of reference and copies of submissions, please contact the Committee secretariat on (02) 6277 2352 or visit the Inquiry website at www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/trs/index.htm