



JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES

Inquiry into the Immigration Bridge Australia Proposal

MEDIA ALERT

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Chair: Senator Kate Lundy

Public hearings: Inquiry into Immigration Bridge Australia Proposal

Federal Parliament's National Capital Committee is holding two public hearings as part of its inquiry into the Immigration Bridge Australia (IBA) Proposal.

IBA is proposing to construct a pedestrian bridge that will stretch across the West Basin of Lake Burley Griffin to commemorate the migrant contribution to Australia. The bridge is expected to be gifted to Canberra as part of its centenary celebrations in 2013.

“This inquiry is an opportunity for the committee to examine the IBA’s proposal and receive community views on how the bridge could impact on the heritage of the suggested site and more broadly users of Lake Burley Griffin. The proposal will also be examined in the wider context of the National Capital Authority’s works approval process,” Committee Chair Senator Kate Lundy said.

The hearing program is shown below:

Monday, 30 March 2009 Committee Room 2R1 Parliament House, Canberra		Wednesday, 1 April 2009 Committee Room 2R1 Parliament House, Canberra	
9.15 am	Immigration Bridge Australia	9.15 am	National Capital Authority
10.00 am	National Capital Authority	10.00 am	Friends of the Albert Hall Inc.
11.15 am	YMCA Sailing Club	10.30 am	Dr David Headon
11.45 am	ACT Rowing Association	11.00 am	Immigration Bridge Australia
12.15 pm	Canberra Yacht Club		
1.30 pm	National Trust of Australia (ACT)		
2.00 pm	Pedal Power ACT Inc.		
2.30 pm	Walter Burley Griffin Society		
3.15 pm	Individuals		

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. Proceedings will be broadcast throughout Parliament House on HMS Channel 9. An audio webcast of proceedings can be accessed at <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

To arrange media comment: Please contact the Chair of the Committee, Senator Kate Lundy (02) 6230 0411 (electorate office).