



## **Public Hearing in Brisbane for Crimes at Sea Inquiry**

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs is holding a public hearing on Friday afternoon for its inquiry into the arrangements surrounding crimes committed at sea.

The Committee will hear from the International Cruise Victims Association, formed in 2006 to represent victims of crime on cruise ships. Both Kendall Carver, the Chair of the Association, and Mark Brimble, President of the Australian chapter of the Association, will give evidence to the Committee about support that is available to victims of crime at sea and how crime on cruise ships affects victims and their families.

The Chair of the Committee, Mr Graham Perrett MP, said that ‘it will be very helpful to hear first-hand accounts of how crimes committed at sea have been handled on board ships without the presence of law enforcement authorities.’

‘I encourage other victims of crime at sea to make a submission to the Committee about their experiences, if they feel comfortable doing so. Names or the content of submissions can be kept confidential,’ Mr Perrett added.

The Committee is also accepting submissions that refer to the other terms of reference, such as the arrangements for reporting, investigating and prosecuting alleged crimes at sea, particularly under the *Crimes at Sea Act 2000*, and the interrelation of law enforcement or coronial jurisdictions.

**Program**  
**Friday 1 February 2013**  
**1.45pm-4.00pm**  
**Undumbi Room, Parliament House, Brisbane**

1:45-2:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Brimble, President of International Cruise Victims Australia</li> </ul>
2:30-3:15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kendall Carver, Chair of International Cruise Victims Association</li> </ul>
3:15-4:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBC</li> </ul>

For information about the inquiry, including the Terms of Reference and advice on making submissions, see the Committee’s website at [www.aph.gov.au/crimesatsea](http://www.aph.gov.au/crimesatsea) or contact the committee secretariat on **(02) 6277 2358**.

<b>For media comment</b> , please contact the Committee Chair, Mr Graham Perrett MP, on (07) 3344 2622 or 0434058200.	
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