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Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Human Rights Sub Committee

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Chair: Hon Laurie Ferguson MP
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Human rights talks in the spotlight: Public hearing in Sydney

The parliamentary Human Right Sub-Committee is heading to Sydney on Monday, 5 September 2011 to meet with human rights groups to discuss Australia's human rights dialogues with China and Vietnam.

"Australia's human rights dialogue process is now well-established with 13 rounds of talks between Australia and China and eight between Australia and Vietnam since 1997," Human Rights Sub-Committee chair Laurie Ferguson said. "This inquiry is a chance to examine the effectiveness of the dialogue process to date".

Details of the public hearing are as follows:

Monday, 5 September 2011
9.00 am to 11.30 am
SMC Conference & Function Centre
Tuscan Meeting Room
66 Goulburn Street, SYDNEY

The Sub-Committee will meet with the:

- **Australia Tibet Council;**
- **International Commission of Jurists Australia; and**
- **Falun Dafa Association of NSW Inc.**

Members of the public are welcome to attend. For a program and more details, visit the Committee's website:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/HRdialoguechinavietnam/index.htm>

There is still an opportunity to contribute to this inquiry as the Committee will continue to accept submissions.

For media comment: please contact the Sub-Committee Chair, the Hon Laurie Ferguson MP on (02) 6621 9909 (Electorate Office) or (02) 6277 4323 (Parliament House)

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