

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE
NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES**

Accountability Hearing with the National Capital Authority

Chair: Senator Kate Lundy

**National Capital Authority to front the NCET Committee
10.00am to 12 Noon, Thursday, 3 December 2009**

Federal Parliament's National Capital Committee will scrutinise the National Capital Authority (NCA) at a public hearing on Thursday, 3 December 2009 from 10.00am to 12 Noon in Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra.

In July 2008 the committee released its report entitled, *The Way Forward – Inquiry into the role of the National Capital Authority*. As part of that report, the committee made a series of recommendations which sought to enhance the governance and accountability of the National Capital Authority.

In particular, recommendation 3 proposed that representatives of the NCA appear regularly at public hearings before the committee to account for its performance. The NCA previously appeared before the committee in June 2009.

Chair of the committee, Senator Kate Lundy welcomed the hearing as a means of raising the level of transparency and accountability applying to the NCA. The NCA secures the Commonwealth's ongoing interest in the planning and development of Canberra and the Territory by administering the National Capital Plan (NCP).

The key objective of the NCP is to ensure that Canberra and the Territory are planned and developed in accordance with their national significance. Senator Lundy said that it was essential that the NCA was held to account for its performance against this objective.

Senator Lundy said that this hearing is particularly timely as it will provide an opportunity for the NCA to report on how it will address issues raised at its first public forum on 26 November. The committee will also scrutinise the NCA about its performance in managing national land and assets, and promoting Canberra as the National Capital.

Public Hearing Details

Committee:	Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories
Venue	Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra
Date:	Thursday, 3 December 2009
Time:	10.00am to 12 Noon
Webcast:	The hearing will be webcast live on http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/

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