



Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Parliament of Queensland

Media Statement

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BROADCAST INITIATIVE INCREASES PUBLIC ACCESS TO COMMITTEE HEARINGS

The Queensland Parliament will commence video broadcasting of up to three simultaneous committee hearings live online this week, Speaker Fiona Simpson announced.

“This is a positive initiative for all Queenslanders with Internet access as it will allow greater awareness of the committee inquiry process. We are committed to providing increased opportunities for all Queenslanders to access the workings of their parliament. In particular, this will assist Queenslanders in regional and remote areas who may otherwise be unable to attend committee hearings but who have an interest in their proceedings,” Ms Simpson said.

Ms Simpson said that live online broadcasts of parliamentary committee hearings began in 2011 with the introduction of the portfolio-based committee system.

“While previously there was the capacity to broadcast one committee hearing live at a time, the service has recently been upgraded with up to three simultaneous live online broadcasts of committee hearings now possible.”

“These live broadcasts will occur each Wednesday morning of a sitting week when all committees hold their meetings and hearings.

“At the conclusion of each live broadcast, the footage from each committee hearing will be able to be replayed online for the period up until that committee’s next broadcast commences,” Ms Simpson said.

To view committee broadcasts, please see the following pages on the Parliament’s website-

- Live broadcasts – <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-committees/broadcast-committee/live>
- Replays – <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-committees/broadcast-committee/archive>

In addition to the links above, the footage from each committee’s most recent hearing will be stored on that committee’s individual web page under the ‘Hearings’ heading. All committee pages are listed here - <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-committees/committees>

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