



Clerk of the Parliament

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QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT TO HOLD FREE TRAINING SEMINARS IN CAIRNS

Cairns residents with an interest in how Parliament and its system of parliamentary committees operate are encouraged to attend free seminars that will be held in Cairns next month.

Clerk of the Parliament, Neil Laurie, said that the seminars will inform people how they can get involved with the Parliament and parliamentary committees.

“Queensland’s system of parliamentary committees provides a great avenue for Queenslanders to contribute to the shaping of new laws and I encourage people and community groups in Cairns to find out about our parliamentary committee system and how they can be involved with committee inquiries.

“Everyone is welcome to attend the seminars but in particular I recommend that members and representatives of local community and industry groups come along. Parliamentary committees investigate proposed new laws and the process by which they do this works best when persons and groups with specific interest in the issues get involved.

“The first seminar on 6 May will provide a general overview of how our Parliament fits within Queensland’s system of government and how our Parliament’s committee system works within that structure.

“The second seminar on 7 May will provide a more in depth explanation of how Queensland’s system of parliamentary committees operates and how to most effectively participate with the committees’ inquiry process. We will outline how to make a submission to a parliamentary committee inquiry and what happens when individuals are called upon to provide information at committee hearings.

“These seminars will be run by parliamentary staff and they will not be political or partisan in nature. They are designed specifically to educate and inform about how the processes of Parliament work.

Both seminars will be held at the Cairns Colonial Club Resort’s Conference Centre in Lockhart Room 1 and will run each evening from 6pm to 7.30pm.

For more information and to reserve a place, please visit-
www.parliament.qld.gov.au/get-involved/events-and-activities/2013/CairnsEducationActivities

Reservations can also be made by emailing – rsvp@parliament.qld.gov.au
or by phoning 1800 197 809.