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STATE BROADCAST OF PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE TO CONSULT WIDELY

Queensland's select committee reviewing the parliamentary broadcasting system agreed yesterday to begin an extensive consultation process.

Following its first meeting, Select Committee Chair and Member for Yeerongpilly, Simon Finn MP, said the committee will commence its review immediately seeking submissions from a number of parties.

Mr Finn said "The parliamentary committee will be seeking submissions from the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, members of parliament, local television stations, regional television stations and the Parliamentary Press Gallery.

"We will also be seeking information from other parliamentary jurisdictions and obtaining specialist technical advice on Queensland's broadcast system."

Public hearings will be held on 2 and 8 April 2008 at Parliament House.

"Through this extensive consultation, the committee will assess the quality of the Queensland Parliament's broadcast system, examining whether it is sufficient for the television media's reporting purposes".

"We will also identify enhancements to the video broadcast coverage of Parliament, if necessary."

The Queensland Parliament established the all-party Broadcast of Parliament Select Committee on 14 February 2008 following media criticism of the Parliament's broadcasting system. This system was implemented in June 2007.

Information on the committee can be obtained through the Queensland Parliament's web page, www.parliament.qld.gov.au/broadcast or by contacting the committee's secretariat on 07 3406 7314 or broadcast.committee@parliament.qld.gov.au

The select committee is expected to report to the Queensland Parliament by 30 May 2008.



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The Queensland Parliament appointed the Broadcast of Parliament Select Committee to examine the regimes and systems for the video broadcast of Parliament and recommend any necessary changes to present standards of coverage. The committee, which commenced on 14 February 2008, will report to Parliament in May 2008.