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**Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services**

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

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**Announcement of Inquiry for a**

**mammal emblem for the ACT**

**The Chair of the Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services**, **Suzanne Orr MLA**, today confirmed the Committee will undertake an inquiry into whether the ACT should have a mammal emblem.

Upon the matter being referred to the Committee for inquiry, Ms Orr said:

“The Committee is excited to be inquiring into whether the ACT should have a mammal emblem and if so which mammal should be our emblem.”

“The adoption of a mammal emblem is more than just the chance to talk about a cute critter. Having a mammal species recognised as an emblem raises awareness of that species. It draws attention to the mammal, its habitats and habits. Perhaps most importantly where a species is endangered, naming it as your emblem presents a great opportunity to shine the spotlight on that mammal and its plight.”

“We anticipate a number of people within the Canberra community will have a view on this topic and we encourage everyone to submit to the inquiry.”

Submissions to the inquiry are now open and **will close on Friday 23 March 2018**.

The Committee will present its report to the Assembly in September 2018.

Further information about this inquiry can be found at: <https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/in-committees/standing-committees-current-assembly/standing-committee-on-environment-and-transport-and-city-services>

Enquiries for comment can be forwarded to the Committee Chair, Suzanne Orr MLA on the details below.

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