



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

MEDIA ALERT

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Chair: Mr Steve Irons MP

Deputy Chair: Mr Tony Zappia MP

NSW Central Coast Perspectives to be Heard at Chronic Disease Inquiry

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health will be conducting a public hearing in Mingara this Friday, 19 February 2016, as part of its Inquiry into Chronic Disease Prevention and Management in Primary Health Care. The Committee will hear about chronic disease in various communities of the Central Coast of New South Wales.

In 2014 the Central Coast Local Health District estimated that of the residents aged 16 and over, approximately 11 per cent had diabetes or high blood glucose and 11.3 per cent were asthmatic. In 2013-14 there were 4 406 potentially preventable hospital admissions due to chronic conditions in the Central Coast Local Health District.

Chair of the Committee, Steve Irons MP, stated: 'The multitude of service providers on the Central Coast provide increasingly diverse chronic disease prevention and management services to the local community. Aged care, Indigenous and general practice services must all cope with the changing nature of chronic disease in the area, and the Committee is eager to gather evidence on how this is achieved.'

Details of the hearing are:

Friday, 19 February – 8.30 am to 11.10 am
Mingara Event Centre (part of the Mingara Recreation Club),
Tasman Room
12 Mingara Drive, Tumby Umbi, NSW

A program and further information about the inquiry is available at: www.aph.gov.au/chronicdisease

Audio of the hearing will be broadcast live at: www.aph.gov.au/live

For media comment, please contact Jonathan Martin from the office of Mr Steve Irons MP on 0439 412 855. **Inquiry information:** please contact the committee secretariat on: (02) 6277 4145 or visit the committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/health.