



Community health organisation at alcohol inquiry

The House Indigenous Affairs Committee will receive evidence from the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) on Thursday as part of its inquiry into the harmful use of alcohol in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Committee Chair Dr Sharman Stone MP said “during its recent visit to Alice Springs, the committee saw first-hand the operation of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services in providing treatment and support to people affected by alcohol misuse in the community.”

“In its submission, NACCHO refers to these services as an example of best practice in their provision of culturally-relevant, comprehensive primary care to people with alcohol-related health problems.” Dr Stone noted.

NACCHO is the peak body representing over 150 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services operating in urban, regional and remote Australia. In addition to providing comprehensive primary health care services, they are the largest private employer of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia.

When: Thursday 29 May 2014.
Time: 11.30am
Where: Committee Room 1R4, Parliament House, Canberra

The full terms of reference are available at www.aph.gov.au/indigenousaffairs

The proceedings will be audio webcast live on: www.aph.gov.au/live

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