HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STANDING COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

MEDIA ALERT

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Chair – Hon Dr Sharman Stone MP
Deputy – Hon Warren Snowdon MP

NIDAC to appear at inquiry into alcohol hearing

The House Indigenous Affairs Committee will take evidence from the National Indigenous Alcohol and Drug Committee (NIDAC) about the harmful use of alcohol and the impact this has on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities on Thursday.

Committee Chair Dr Sharman Stone said, “In the recent visit to the Northern Territory, the committee heard that some groups want a floor price, reinstatement of the banned drinkers register and takeaway free days for alcohol.”

“In the NIDAC submission many of these strategies are supported, however NIDAC has stressed that it is important that the local community initiates, supports and leads their implementation.” Dr Stone added.

“The committee has regularly heard how critical it is that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are central to forming solutions to the harmful use of alcohol.” she said.

NIDAC assists the Australian National Council on Drugs in advising government on a range of issues that impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and in particular strategies that address the serious drug and alcohol issues that are putting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in early graves or in prison or in positions where children are neglected.

Where: Committee Room 1R4, Parliament House, Canberra
Time: 11.40am
When: Thursday 15 May 2014

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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