SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH

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SENATE INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARINGS IN SYDNEY

The Senate Select Committee on Mental Health will hold **public hearings** in Sydney on **2 and 3 August 2005**.

The Committee will hear from many individuals and organisations experienced in mental health care, policy and research. They will include representatives of:

- NSW Farmers' Association;
- Australian Council of Social Services;
- Care Leavers of Australian Network (CLAN); and
- NSW Department of Health.

The hearings will be held at the Corinthian Room, Sydney Masonic Centre, Corner of Castlereagh and Goulburn Streets, and will be open to the public from 9.00am each day. The programs for the hearings are attached.

Senator Lyn Allison
Committee Chair

Further inquiries to Ian Holland, Committee Secretary, on (02) 6277 3019 or 0411 026 208.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday
2 August 2005

Corinthian Room
Sydney Masonic Centre
Corner of Castlereagh and Goulburn Streets
SYDNEY

PROGRAM

9:00 – 9:40	**S A V E - Australia Inc (Submission 483)** Mr Maqsood Alshams, Spokesperson
9:40 – 10:20	**NSW Farmers Association (Submission 410)** Mr Alan Brown, Chair, Rural Affairs Committee Mr Shaughn Morgan, General Manager, Policy and Government Relations Ms Brianna Casey, Senior Policy Manager, Rural Affairs
10:20 – 10:35	***Morning Tea***
10.35 – 11.15	**Australian Injecting & Illicit Drug Users League (AIVL) (Submission 281)** Ms Nicky Bath, Policy Manager
11.15 – 11:55	**Professor Christopher Puplick AM (Submission 226)**
11:55 – 12:35	**Centre for Eating & Dieting Disorders NSW (Submission 307)** Ms Sarah Maguire, Eating Disorder Service Development Officer for NSW Associate Professor Janice Russell, Director Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Eating Disorder Program and Northside Private Clinic Eating Disorder Program Dr Michael Kohn, Paediatrician, Westmead Childrens Hospital Ms Judith Leahy, Coordinator, Central Coast Early Intervention Outpatient Service Ms Amanda Jordan, Chairperson Eating Disorders Foundation of NSW
12:35 – 1:30	***Lunch***
1:30 – 2:10	**Multicultural Mental Health Australia (Submission 200)** Ms Meg Griffiths, National Program Manager Associate Professor Nicholas Procter, Division of Health Science, University of South Australia (MMHA Advisor) Ms Maria Cassaniti, NSW Transcultural Mental Health Centre (MMHA Consortium Member)
2:10 – 2:50	**Dr Roderick McKay (Submission 219)** New South Wales Branch of the Faculty Of Psychiatry of Old Age within the Royal Australian and New Zealand College Of Psychiatrists. **Professor Henry Brodaty (Submission 398)**
2:50 – 3:30	**Australian Council of Social Services (Submission 457)** Mr Gregor Macfie, Policy Officer
3:30 – 3:45	***Afternoon Tea***
3:45 – 4:35	**Justice Action (Submission 174)** Mr Michael Strutt, Spokesperson on forensic and criminological issues Mr Brett Collins, Spokesperson
4:35 – 5:15	**Care Leavers of Australian Network (CLAN) (Submission 400)** Dr Joanna Penglase, President Ms Leonie Sheedy, Office Manager **Broken Rites (Australia) (Submission 340)** Dr Wayne Chamley, Treasurer

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PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday
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PROGRAM

9:00 – 9:45	**Public Interest Advocacy Centre (Submission 373)** Mr Simon Moran, Principal Solicitor Ms Emma Golledge, Coordinator, Homeless Persons Legal Clinic **Combined Community Legal Centres' Group (NSW) Inc (Submission 392)** Ms Helen Campbell **Welfare Rights Centre (Submission 351)** Ms Linda Forbes, Casework Coordinator
9:45 – 10:25	**Professor Gavin Andrews (Submission 176)** World Health Organization Collaborating Centre, University of NSW at St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney
10:25 – 10:40	***Morning Tea***
10.40 – 11.20	**Northern Beaches Mental Health Consumer Network (Submission 60)** Ms Desley Casey, Consumer Coordinator Ms Sue Marsh, Fundraising Officer and Network Administration Worker Mr Mark McMahon, Co Consumer Coordinator.
11.20 – 11:50	**Mr Stephen Corry (Submission 440/ 440A))**
11:50 – 12:25	**Mr Graham Brereton (Submission 379)**
12:25 – 1:25	***Lunch***
1:25 – 2:05	**Association of Relatives and Friends of the Mentally Ill. (ARAFMI) Hunter (Submission 231)** Ms Lindsey Skillen Mr Jack Kelly, Chair, Management Committee
2:05 – 2:55	**In camera (closed session)**
2.55 – 3:10	***Afternoon Tea***
3:10 – 3:50	**Comprehensive Area Service Psychiatrists Special Interest Group (Submission 108)** Professor Alan Rosen, Secretary Dr Roger Gurr, Chair, Policy Committee
3:50 – 5:00	**NSW Health Department (Submission 470)** Mr Eugene McGarrell, Acting Director, Centre for Mental Health