SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH

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SENATE INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE GOLD COAST

The Senate Select Committee on Mental Health will hold a **public hearing** on the Gold Coast on **Thursday 2 February 2006**.

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

- Gold Coast Drug Council;
- the Mental Health Association of Queensland and
- Gold Coast mental health services.

The hearing will be held at the Robina Community Centre, and will be open to the public from 9.00am. The program for the hearing is attached.

Senator Lyn Allison
Committee Chair

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Senate Select Committee on Mental Health

PUBLIC HEARING

Gold Coast
Thursday
2 February 2006

Robina Community Centre
Committee Room C
196 Town Centre Drive, Robina

PROGRAM

9:00 – 9:45	**Gold Coast Institute of Mental Health (Submission 430 and 430a)** Dr Philip Morris, Executive Director
9:45 – 10:30	**Gold Coast Drug Council Inc. (Submission 553)** Ms Mary Alcorn, Executive Director Mr Sean Cousins, President
10:30 – 10:45	*Morning Tea*
10:45 – 11:30	**Bio-Balance Health Association Inc. (Submission 378, 378a and 378b)** Mr Bruce Jeanes, President Mrs Judy Nicol, Vice President Mr John Skelton, Vice President Dr Richard Stuckey
11:30 – 12:15	**Mental Health Association Queensland Inc. (Submission 312)** Ms Susan Stephenson, Director Mr Andy Compton
12:15 – 1:15	*Lunch*
1:15 – 2:00	**Ms Sue Koningen (Submission 538)**
2:00 – 2:45	**School of Criminology and Criminal Justice** **Griffith University** Dr Janet Ransley, Senior Lecturer Assoc Prof Anna Stewart
2:45 – 3:00	*Afternoon Tea*
3:00 – 3:45	**Division of Mental Health and Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Services** **Gold Coast Health Service District** Ms Elizabeth Powell, Executive Director Dr Lynn Hawken, Director, Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Services