



SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH

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SENATE INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARING IN CANBERRA

The Senate Select Committee on Mental Health will hold a **public hearing** in Canberra on **Wednesday 27 July 2005**.

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

- Australian Healthcare Association;
- The Pharmacy Guild;
- Australian Psychological Society; and
- Families and Friends for Drug Law Reform.

The hearing will be held at Parliament House, 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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PUBLIC HEARING - CANBERRA

**Wednesday
27 July 2005
9.00am – 4:25pm**

Committee Room 2S3, Parliament House, Canberra

PROGRAM

9:00 – 9:40	Mental Health Community Coalition of the ACT Consumer and Carer Caucus (Submission 214) Ms Winsome Willow, Chair
9:40 – 10:20	Mental Illness Education ACT (Submission 354) Ms Margie Wylde-Browne, Executive Officer Mr Keith Mahar, President Ms Libby Steeper, Committee member
10:20 – 10:35	<i>Morning Tea</i>
10:35 – 11:15	Australian Healthcare Association (Submission 169) Ms Prue Power, Executive Director Ms Deb Green, President Mr Brian Johnston, Council Member
11:15 – 11:50	Australian Psychological Society (Submission 50) Professor Lyn Littlefield OAM FAPS, Executive Director Mr David Stokes, Manager, Professional Issues Ms Amanda Gordon, President (TBC)
11:50 – 12:30	Public Health Association of Australia (Submission 212) Ms Pieta Laut, Executive Director Ms Valerie Gerrand, Convenor, Mental Health Special Interest Group Ms Susan Humphries, Mental Health specialist
12:30 – 1:30	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 – 2:15	Consumers and Carers from the NSW Far South Coast (Submission 5) Mr John Olsen, consumer Mr John Skelton, carer
2:15 – 2:50	Pharmacy Guild of Australia (Submission 295) Mr Paul Simmons - National Councillor (SA) Mr Denis Leahy - Alternate National Councillor (NSW) Ms Khin Win May - Policy Officer, National Secretariat
2:50 – 3:30	Families and Friends for Drug Law Reform (Submission 319) Mr Brian McConnell Mr Bill Bush
3:30 – 3:45	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>
3:45 – 4:25	Ms Helen McKenzie , consumer from Victoria (no submission) Ms Isabell Collins , advocate from Victoria