



Melbourne roundtable for Indigenous sports inquiry

The House of Representatives Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs will hold roundtable public hearings in Melbourne on Thursday, 22 November. The topic of discussion will be the contribution of sport to Indigenous wellbeing and mentoring.

Witnesses include several major sporting codes, not-for-profit organisations, sporting clubs, academics such as Dr Mick Dodson and Dr Bill Fogarty, the Victorian peak body for sports and recreation officers and interested individuals. A range of topics will be discussed, including factors contributing to the success of Indigenous sporting programs and events, mentoring and how to increase participation in sport.

The Committee Chair, Mr Shayne Neumann MP said, “There are many excellent Indigenous sports programs operating and it is clear that they are making a difference. We look forward to discussing how we can work better to utilise sport to improve outcomes for Indigenous people.”

**Venue: MAYSAR (Melbourne Aboriginal Youth, Sport and Recreation) Centre,
184-186 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy**

Roundtable Hearing from 9.00am-11.45am:

- Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Ltd
- Cricket Australia
- Netball Australia
- Australian Football League
- David Wirrpanda Foundation
- Dr Bruce Hearn McKinnon
- Mr Ross Tanimu
- Dr Mick Dodson
- Dr Bill Fogarty
- Australian Drug Foundation
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Representatives of the Academy of Sport, Health and Education, a joint initiative between the University of Melbourne and the Rumbalara Football Netball Club, will discuss their education and training programs, particularly for the indigenous students of the Goulburn Valley region.

The hearing will be broadcast live at <http://www.aph.gov.au/live>. For more information, see the Committee’s website at www.aph.gov.au/sport or contact the committee secretariat on **(02) 6277 4559**.

For media comment, please contact the Committee Chair Mr Shayne Neumann on (07) 3201 5300. **For background information**, contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 62774559 or atsia.reps@aph.gov.au