



THE SENATE

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Growing evidence of an emerging tick-borne disease that causes a Lyme-like illness for many Australian patients

**PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday 2 November 2016**

**Room P1
Portside Centre, Sydney**

Time	Witness
8.30 am	Dr Richard Horowitz (via teleconference)
9.00 am	Australian Biologics Testing Services Pty Ltd Ms Jennie Burke, Director Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia Professor Stephen Graves, Spokesman on Lyme Disease National Association of Testing Authorities Mr Andrew Griffin, Deputy Sector Manager, Legal and Clinical Services Mr John Mitchell, Manager, Government Relations Mrs Nicole Bailey, Assistant Stakeholder Relations Manager National Serology Reference Laboratory Ms Susan Best, Director
10.15 am	<i>Morning tea</i>
10.30 am	Professor Peter Irwin (via teleconference), Principal College of Veterinary Medicine, Murdoch University Dr Ann Mitrovic, Tick-borne diseases Unit, School of Medical Sciences (Pharmacology), The University of Sydney
11.30 am	Individual statements 2-minute statements from individuals
12.00 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1.00 pm	Individual statements 2-minute statements from individuals

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1.30 pm	<p>Lyme Disease Association of Australia Ms Sharon Whiteman, President</p> <p>Karl McManus Foundation Mr Christopher Walker, Acting Chief Executive Officer Mr Mike Pym, Director</p> <p>Australian Chronic Infections and Inflammatory Diseases Society Dr Richard Schloeffel, Chairperson</p>
2.45 pm	<p>National Serology Reference Laboratory Ms Susan Best, Director</p> <p>Department of Health Dr Gary Lum, Principal Medical Adviser</p> <p>Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and Medical Board of Australia Mr Matthew Hardy, National Director, Notifications, Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency Associate Professor Stephen Bradshaw, Practitioner Member, Medical Board of Australia</p>
4.00 pm	<p><i>Adjournment</i></p>