



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**

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

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