



THE SENATE

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**Accessibility and quality of mental health services in rural and remote Australia**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Wednesday 29 August 2018**

**Ballroom  
RedEarth Hotel, Corner Rodeo Drive and West Street, Mount Isa**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
9.30 am	<b>Gidgee Healing</b>  <b>Western Queensland Primary Health Network</b> Mr Stuart Gordon, Chief Executive Officer (via teleconference) Ms Sandy Gillies, Executive Manager, Service Provider Commissioning
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b><i>Morning tea</i></b>
10.45 am	<b>Anglicare North Queensland</b> Ms Jodi Martyr, Program Manager Mr Saki Regunamada, Wellbeing Mentor  <b>Wesley Mission</b> Mr Tony Cassidy, Group Manager, Wesley LifeForce Mr Tim Sussman, Researcher, Wesley LifeForce Mr David Kerrigan, Chair, Central West Suicide Prevention Network  <b>Centacare North Queensland</b> Ms Heather Alexander, Director, Rural and Remote
11.45 am	<b>Glencore Copper and Zinc North Queensland</b> Ms Maryann Wipaki, General Manager Health, Safety, Environment and Community
<b>12.45 pm</b>	<b><i>Lunch</i></b>
1.45 pm	<b>Centre for Rural and Remote Health, James Cook University</b> Professor Sabina Knight, Director Dr Sharon Varela, Mental Health Academic  <b>Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health (via teleconference) (Submission 21)</b> Ms Karren Scholz, Member Psychologist Ms Christine Franklin, Member Ms Fiona Brooke, Director, Policy and Evidence
2.45 pm	<b>North West Hospital and Health Service</b> Ms Sandra Kennedy, Director Mental Health and ATODS Dr Herath Dhammika, Clinical Director, Mental Health
<b>3.45 pm</b>	<b><i>Afternoon tea</i></b>

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4.00 pm	<b>Queensland Mental Health Commission (via teleconference)</b> Mr Ivan Frkovic, Commissioner
<b>5.00 pm</b>	<b><i>Adjournment</i></b>