



Chronic Disease Inquiry Continues in Brisbane

This Thursday, 18 February 2016, as part of its Inquiry into Chronic Disease Prevention and Management in Primary Health Care, the House of Representatives Health Committee will conduct a public hearing in Brisbane to hear evidence from Queensland Primary Health Networks, Asthma Australia and Lung Foundation Australia, the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine and the Centre for Research Excellence.

In Queensland in 2011-12, chronic conditions were responsible for 47 per cent of potentially preventable hospitalisations. According to Queensland's Chief Health Officer, fifty Queenslanders are diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes every day and the incidence of dementia is expected to increase fivefold by 2050.

Committee Chair Steve Irons MP said: 'The Committee is expecting to hear from individuals and organisations about the challenges of providing chronic disease primary care in a diverse state such as Queensland. The Queensland Primary Health Networks, peak bodies and research organisations appearing before the Committee will outline the valuable work being undertaken in the state to build awareness of chronic disease and the essential programs in place to manage this increasing health care burden.'

Details of the hearing are:

Thursday, 18 February – 9.00 am to 11.50 am
District Registrar Conference Room
Level 4, Harry Gibbs Building
Commonwealth Law Courts
119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland

A program and further information about the inquiry is available at: www.aph.gov.au/chronicdisease

Audio of the hearing will be broadcast live at: www.aph.gov.au/live

For media comment, please contact Jonathan Martin from the office of Mr Steve Irons MP on 0439 412 855. **Inquiry information:** please contact the committee secretariat on: (02) 6277 4145 or visit the committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/health.