



Alcohol Industry representatives to appear before Indigenous Affairs Committee

The House of Representatives Indigenous Affairs Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday as part of the Committee's inquiry into the harmful use of alcohol in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Representatives of Australia's largest alcohol retailers, Woolworths Liquor Group and Coles Liquor, will give evidence at the hearing. The Brewers Association of Australia and New Zealand, the Winemakers' Federation of Australia and the Distilled Spirits Industry Council of Australia will also appear.

The Chair of the Committee, Dr Sharman Stone MP said: "The Committee welcomes the opportunity to hear from some of the major stakeholders in the Australian alcohol industry about their strategies to minimise the irresponsible purchasing of alcohol, and alcohol-related harm in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities."

Dr Stone added: "The Committee is interested in the responses of the alcohol industry to community concerns and their view on community-led strategies to minimise harm, including alcohol accords and alcohol management plans."

Details of the hearing are as follows:

When Thursday, 4 December 2014
Time 11.00am – 1.30pm
Where Committee Room 1R4, Parliament House, Canberra

Program

11.00am Woolworths Liquor Group
11.50am Brewers Association of Australia and New Zealand
Winemakers' Federation of Australia
Distilled Spirits Industry Council of Australia
12.40pm Coles Liquor
1.30pm Close

The full terms of reference are available at www.aph.gov.au/indigenousaffairs

The proceedings will be audio webcast live on: www.aph.gov.au/live

For media comment, please contact the Committee Chair Dr Sharman Stone MP on (03) 5821 5371. **For background information**, contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 62774559 or indigenousaffairs.reps@aph.gov.au