



## Canberra Hearings for Chronic Disease Inquiry

The first public hearings of a new parliamentary inquiry into Chronic Disease Prevention and Management in Primary Health Care will be held next week in Canberra.

Chair of the House of Representatives Health Committee, Steve Irons MP said 'The Committee's initial hearings will consider a range of issues including chronic disease prevention and management in rural, remote and indigenous primary health care. The Committee will also hear from groups about the prevention and management of chronic mental health conditions, dementia, and cancer in primary health care.'

"There are many stakeholders in the fields of chronic disease prevention and management and primary health care, and the Committee is interested in how these stakeholders work to improve health outcomes and avoid unnecessary hospitalisations," Mr Irons said.

"Bringing stakeholders together, and finding ways to prevent chronic disease, or improve the way chronic disease is managed in primary health care may deliver positive outcomes for all Australians at risk of chronic disease," Mr Irons concluded.

Details of the hearings follow:

**Tuesday, 18 August 2015 – 12.00 pm to 12.40 pm**  
**Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra**

**Friday, 21 August 2015 – 9.00 am to 4.20 pm**  
**Committee Room 2R2, Parliament House, Canberra**

Public hearing programs and further information about the inquiry is available at: [www.aph.gov.au/chronicdisease](http://www.aph.gov.au/chronicdisease)

The hearings will be broadcast live (audio only) at: <http://www.aph.gov.au/live>

The inquiry is ongoing and still receiving submissions. The preferred method of receiving submissions is by electronic format lodged [online](#) using a My Parliament account.

**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](http://www.aph.gov.au/health).