



Sydney Hearing for Skin Cancer Inquiry

On Friday, 5 September the Health Committee will hold its final public hearing in Sydney, as part of its Inquiry into Skin Cancer in Australia.

The Committee is inquiring into the awareness, prevention, early diagnosis and management of both melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers. To date the Committee has held 10 public hearings and received more than 60 submissions representing a diverse range of views.

The Committee has previously received evidence from a range of medical practitioners and researchers, pharmaceutical companies and cancer support services across Australia. With the Ultra Violet (UV) Index having a key role in understanding how better to practice sun safety the Committee will discuss with the Bureau of Meteorology how it collects and communicates information about the UV Index in the public domain.

The Committee is also hoping to learn from the experience of sporting groups (who work with a variety of people) to find out how best to promote healthy physical activity together with an awareness of the need for sun protection.

“As a love of the sun and sport is intimately related to the Australian way of life the Committee is interested in hearing from major sporting organisations as well as the Bureau of Meteorology to aid it in understanding the important role these organisations have in spreading the sun safety message,” Committee Chair Mr Steve Irons said.

Hearing Details

Friday, 5 September – 9.00 am to 12.15pm
Northcott Room, Sydney Masonic Centre, Conference & Function Centre,
66 Goulburn Street, Sydney

The audio of the hearing will be broadcast live at: <http://www.aph.gov.au/live>

A detailed hearing program and further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference is available on the committee’s website at: www.aph.gov.au/skincancer

For media comment please contact Jonathan Martin from the office of Mr Steve Irons MP, Chair on 0419 993 677. **Other enquiries:** please contact the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4145 or visit the committee’s webpage: www.aph.gov.au/health.