

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND AGEING

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Chair: Jill Hall MP Deputy Chair: Steve Irons MP

Bridging the dental gap for rural Australians

The Health and Ageing Committee's inquiry into adult dental services will take a rural focus when the Committee visits Dubbo for a public hearing on Friday, May 17.

The Committee will hear from representatives of local health services and indigenous organisations as well as dental practitioners and educators. Participants will discuss options for the future of the National Partnership Agreement for adult public dental services, including how to best reach people in rural and remote areas.

Areas for discussion will include providing services to Indigenous Australians, rural and remote populations and people with special needs, workforce issues, and improving access to those in need.

Time	Witness
11:00am	Mr Peter Muller
11:45am	Western NSW Health Service
12:30pm	Break
1:00pm	Royal Flying Doctors Service
1:45pm	Bila Muuji Aboriginal Health Services
2:30pm	CSU Dental School
3:15pm	Australian Dental and Oral Health Therapists' Association
4:00pm	Close

PROGRAM

Venue: Conference Room, Charles Sturt University Dental and Oral Health Clinic, River Street, Dubbo.

Audio of proceedings will be webcast on http://aph.gov.au/live

Members of the public are welcome to attend. The program and other information about the enquiry can be obtained from the Committee's website at <u>www.aph.gov.au/haa</u>.

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