



Last hearings for inquiry into FASD

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs will hold its final round of hearings in Western Australia next week for the inquiry into the incidence and prevention of FASD.

The inquiry, which commenced in November 2011, has heard a range of evidence about Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and the Committee expects that there will be significant evidence coming out of the three hearings in Western Australia.

The Committee will hold a public hearing in Perth, talk and share with participants at the Marninwarntikura Women's Bush Meeting and hold a public hearing in Broome.

Committee Chair, Mr Graham Perrett MP, said that the Committee has been made aware of the significant research into FASD taking place in Western Australia as well as proactive community action against alcohol and alcohol related harms in communities such as Fitzroy Crossing.

"We are pleased to be able to travel to the Women's Bush Meeting to hear from participants about the steps they have taken in their own community and it is an honour to be part of the meeting," Mr Perrett said.

"Hearing about the programs already taking place in Western Australia in more detail will assist the Committee in developing a national strategy on FASD."

Details about each hearing are available at the Committee website www.aph.gov.au/spla

Tuesday 10 July	Perth	9am – 2pm Committee Office Legislative Council 18-32 Parliament Place, West Perth
Wednesday 11 July	Mimbi	Marninwarntikura Women's Bush Meeting
Thursday 12 July	Broome	8.30am – 10.00am Lotteries House, Cable Beach Road East Broome

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