



Preventing harmful alcohol use: avoiding Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

The Australian National Preventive Health Agency is appearing at a House of Representatives Social Policy and Legal Affairs Committee public hearing in Canberra on Thursday 15 March 2012 for the inquiry into foetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD).

The Committee will discuss how to implement a national, whole-of-government approach to addressing FASD, and in particular, how to promote public awareness of the consequences of alcohol consumption on the developing foetus. The Committee Chair, Graham Perrett MP said, "FASD is a national issue, and should be dealt with accordingly. Many people are unaware of the dangers of drinking while pregnant, especially those in high-risk groups. It is important that we get a clear message across to all Australians."

The Australian National Preventive Health Agency was established in 2011 and conducts educational, promotional and community awareness programs relating to preventive health, including preventing harmful alcohol use.

**Program
15 March 2012
Committee Room 1R3
Parliament House
Canberra**

8:30 am	Australian National Preventive Health Agency • Jack Quinane, Director, Alcohol Policy & Tobacco Control • Lisa Studdert, Manager, Policy and Programs
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Information about the Committee's inquiry is available on the FASD inquiry website at www.aph.gov.au/fasd. The website includes public hearing transcripts, published submissions and details of upcoming public hearings.

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