



# Committee to explore dementia care models in Newcastle

Community based care options, access to services and preventative activities will be discussed at a parliamentary committee hearing on dementia to be held in Newcastle tomorrow.

The House of Representatives Health and Ageing Committee will hear from a range of individuals and organisations about early intervention and treatment of dementia in the Newcastle region, including academics, health professionals and carers.

Committee Chair Steve Georganas MP said the committee is interested in learning about the treatment options available to individuals diagnosed with dementia in the Newcastle region, and the support services offered to their carers.

“The committee will also hear from academics who are studying early screening and intervention of dementia, and the effectiveness of different care models in meeting the needs of patients and their families,” Mr Georganas said.

## Public hearing program – Thursday, 8 November 2012

Time	Witness
08:15am	Hunter New England Local Health District
09:00am	Break
09:30am	Ms Helga Merl, Nurse Practitioner
10:15am	Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists
11:00am	Dr Kichu Nair
11:45am	Break
12:30pm	East Lake Macquarie Dementia Service Inc
1:15pm	Ms Myrle Hauser, Carer
2:00pm	Professor Dimity Pond
2:45pm	The Hunter Dementia & Memory Resource Centre (Alzheimer’s Australia, NSW)
3:30pm	Close

**Venue:** East Lake Macquarie Dementia Service Inc, Belmont Hospital, Green Point Drive and Hospital Entry Road, Belmont NSW

The hearing will be webcast live on: [www.aph.gov.au/News\\_and\\_Events/Watch\\_Parliament](http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament)

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