

APPENDIX 2

WITNESSES WHO APPEARED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE AT PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings

Monday, 20 February 2006

Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices, Perth

Committee Members in attendance

Senator Moore (Chair)

Senator Adams

Senator Bartlett

Senator Crossin

Senator Polley

Senator Siewert

Senator Webber

Witnesses

Western Australia Government

Mr Terry Murphy, Acting Executive Director, Drug and Alcohol Office

Ms Wendy Casey, Principal Adviser, Aboriginal Alcohol and Other Drugs Program

Mr Richard Menasse, Mental Health Area Director, WA Country Health Service,
Office of Mental Health, Department of Health

Dr Rowan Davidson, Chief Psychiatrist, Office of Mental Health, Department of
Health

Mr Ellis Griffiths, Manager of Indigenous Issues, Department of the Premier and
Cabinet

Ms Katrina Budrikis, Senior Legal Officer, Cross Border Justice Project, Department
of Corrective Services

Mrs Marenee Provost, Director, Operational Policy, Building Community Capacity,
Department of Community Development

Mr Murray Lampard, Deputy Police Commissioner, WA Police Service

Mr David Pedler, Acting Director Policy and Coordination Directorate, Department of
Indigenous Affairs

Professor Ted Wilkes, Professorial Fellow in Aboriginal Health, Telethon Institute
for Child Health Research, Curtin University

Associate Professor Dennis Gray, Deputy Director, National Drug Research Institute

Dr Donna Mak, Physician and lecturer at University of Notre Dame

BP Australia

Dr Mark Glazebrook, Project Manager, 3D Petrol Sniffing Initiative

Ms Jan Sperling, Product Manager Opal

Mr Peter Metcalfe, External Affairs Manager

Tuesday, 21 February 2006

Litchfield Room, Parliament House, Darwin

Committee Members in attendance

Senator Moore (Chair)

Senator Polley

Senator Humphries (Deputy Chair)

Senator Siewert

Senator Adams

Senator Webber

Senator Crossin

Witnesses**Australian Fuel Distributors Ltd (Ausfuel)**

Mr Herbert Few, General Manager

Ms Jane Munday, Public Relations Consultant

Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine

Professor Elizabeth Chalmers, Academic Director and Head, Rural Clinical School

Northern Territory Department of Health and Community Services

Ms Rose Rhodes, Assistant Secretary, Community Services

Ms Joanne Townsend, Director, Alcohol and Other Drugs Section

Ms Penelope Fielding, Executive Director, Central Australian Coordination

Wednesday, 22 February 2006

Crowne Plaza, Alice Springs

Committee Members in attendance

Senator Moore (Chair)

Senator Crossin

Senator Humphries (Deputy Chair)

Senator Polley

Senator Adams

Senator Siewert

Witnesses**Central Australian District Medical Officers**

Dr Russell Thompson, District Medical Officer, Nyirripi, Yuendumu and Willowra

Dr Stephen Foster, District Medical Officer, Papunya and Haastsbluff

Dr Andrew White, Remote Paediatrician, Western District Region

Mr Barry Abbott, Manager Ilamurta Station

Central Australian Youth Link-up Service (CAYLUS)

Mr Blair McFarland, Coordinator

Mr Tristan Ray, Coordinator

Tangentyere Council

Mr William Tilmouth, Executive Director

Ms Leonie Sheedy, Coordinator, Yarrenyty-Arltere Learning Centre

Waltja Tjutanku Palyapayi Aboriginal Corporation

Ms Liz Archer, Youth Services Team Leader

Ms Katharine Allen, Field Worker, Waltja Reconnect

Ms Sarah Holder, Field Worker, Waltja Reconnect

Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council

Mrs Margaret Smith, Vice President (Chairwoman)

Ms Vicki Gillick, Coordinator

Mrs Janet Inyika, Worker, Emotional Social Well Being Project, through Ms Holly Webb, interpreter

Alice Springs Town Council

Alderman Melanie van Haaren

Mr Rex Mooney, Chief Executive Officer

Mr Mark Blackburn, Director, Corporate and Community Services

Wednesday, 8 March 2006

Holiday Inn, Cairns

Committee Members in attendance

Senator Moore (Chair)

Senator Crossin

Senator Humphries (Deputy Chair)

Senator Polley

Senator Adams

Senator Siewert

Senator Bartlett

Witnesses

WuChopperen Health Service

Ms Jan Robertson, Drug & Alcohol Projects Coordinator

Mr Bruce Martin, Substance Misuse Worker

Queensland Health, Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs Services

Mrs Jan Parr, District Coordinator

Mr Ezra Saveka, Advanced Health Worker

Queensland Health, Remote Area Mental Health Service

Dr Radhika Santhanam, Senior Clinical Psychologist
Professor Ernest Hunter, Regional Psychiatrist

Anglicare North Queensland Limited

Mr Paul Gambi, Residential Youth Worker

Aurukun Community

Mr Donovan Walmbeng, Chairperson, Aurukun Community Justice Group

Tuesday, 16 May 2006

Old Chamber Room, Parliament House, Adelaide

Committee Members in attendance

Senator Moore (Chair)	Senator Crossin
Senator Humphries (Deputy Chair)	Senator Siewert
Senator Adams	Senator Webber
Senator Bartlett	

Witnesses**Mrs Ngitji Ngitji Mona Tur****Law Society of South Australia**

Ms Dymphna (Deej) Eszenyi, President
Mr Christopher Charles, Chair, Aboriginal Issues Committee
Mr Andrew Collett, Member, Aboriginal Issues Committee

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation SA

Mr Glenn Giles, ANTaR SA Coordinator and ANTaR National Committee Member
Mr Patrick Byrt, Member
Mr John Hartley, Member
Mr Dennis Colson, Chairman of Turkey Bore Community

Mr Bill Edwards**Ms Kate Reynolds****Adelaide Healing Energy Centre**

Ms Lorraine Webb, Manager
Mr Peter Rawson, Public Officer, Mentor

Ms Rosalie Nethercott

Department of Families and Communities, South Australia

Mr Chris Larkin, Director, Indigenous Services

Mr Peter Kay, Manager, Substance Misuse and Youth Programs

Inspections and Visits

Monday, 20 February 2006

BP Refinery, Kwinana, Perth, WA

Committee Members in attendance

Senator Moore

Senator Polley

Senator Adams

Senator Siewert

Senator Bartlett

Senator Webber

Senator Crossin

The Committee visited the BP refinery at Kwinana to discuss Opal fuel and inspected the refinery to observe the distillation processes that differentiate the production of Opal.

The Committee was accompanied on the inspection by Dr Mark Glazebrook, Project Manager, 3D Petrol Sniffing Initiative; Ms Jan Sperling, Product Manager Opal; Mr Peter Metcalfe, External Affairs Manager and Mr David Plant, Tour leader.

Thursday, 23 February 2006

Yuendumu and Mt Theo outstation, NT

Committee Members in attendance

Senator Moore

Senator Humphries

Senator Adams

Senator Polley

Senator Crossin

The Committee was accompanied during the visit by Ms Rachel Balmanno, OATSIH, Department of Health and Ageing and representatives from the print and electronic media

The Committee visited Yuendumu and Mt Theo outstation Aboriginal communities to discuss the programs being offered to young people to assist control petrol sniffing, and the successful outcome of these programs.

The visit was coordinated by Ms Susie Low, Manager, Mt Theo-Yuendumu Substance Misuse Aboriginal Corporation.

At Mt Theo the Committee discussed the program with community elders Peggy Brown, the founder of the program, and Johnny Miller, senior Traditional Owner for Mt Theo.

The Committee was also assisted by members of the Mt Theo Management Committee including Warren Williams and Enid Gallagher, Chairpersons, Robbie Walit and Maxine Spencer; Alison Gillies, Mt Theo youth worker; Brett Badger, Youth Program Coordinator and Nat O'Connor, Youth Worker.

Tuesday, 7 March 2006

Mornington Island, QLD

Committee Members in attendance

Senator Moore
Senator Adams
Senator Bartlett

Senator Crossin
Senator Humphries
Senator Polley

The Committee was accompanied on the visit by Ms Karen Lee, Office of Senator Bartlett.

The Committee visited Mornington Island (via Normanton) to have discussions with the Mornington Shire Council Petrol Sniffing Steering Committee in relation to work being undertaken to assist control petrol sniffing addiction and undertook an inspection of community facilities on the Island.

A cross section of community and government groups were represented in the discussion held at the Police Youth Club. They included:

Graeme Channells, CEO Mornington Shire Council

Clare Farrell, Community Service Officer

Yuenmenda Women's Association

Beatrice Retchford, Manager, Junkuri Laka Justice Association

Robyrta Felton, Legal Aid

Loretta Juhel, MI School

David Lloyd, Woomera Aboriginal Corporation

Joanne Townsend, Principal, Mornington Island State School

Kisten Standage, Qld Sport and Rec

Jenny Dahl, Mornington Island Hospital

Louise Roughey, Team Leader Community Health

Sgt Mark Tuckwell, Police

Kim Barnsley, CDEP

Mark Cuckwell, Mornington Island PCYC.

Wednesday, 17 May 2006

Menzies School of Health Research and Cooperative Research Centre on Aboriginal Health, Darwin, NT

Committee Members in attendance

Senator Moore
Senator Adams
Senator Crossin

Senator Siewert
Senator Webber

The Committee visited the Menzies School of Health Research and Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) on Aboriginal Health. Discussions were held on research being undertaken on the impact of petrol sniffing, on other research being conducted on Indigenous health, and on the role and operation of the School and the CRC.

Meeting with the Committee from the CRC were Mr Mick Gooda, CEO, Ms Jenny Brands and Ms Di Walker and from Menzies, Dr Sheree Cairney and Dr Kate Senior.

Thursday, 18 May 2006

Balgo and Halls Creek, WA

Committee Members in attendance

Senator Moore
Senator Adams

Senator Siewert

The Committee was accompanied during the visit by Mr Stephen Castle, OATSIH; Dr Sheree Cairney and Dr Kate Senior, Menzies School of Health Research; Mr Chris Twomey, Office of Senator Siewert.

The Committee held discussions with a number of community representatives covering the cross section of services in Balgo including the community corporation, youth and sport workers, the women's centre, the clinic, school and police and was able to visit many of these community facilities. Without being exhaustive the Committee was assisted during the visit by many people including Mr Noel Mason, CEO Wirrimanu; Fr Matt Digges, Kutjungka Catholic Parish; Mr Chris Cresp, Palyalatja Maparnpa; Br Bernie Cooper, Luurnpa Catholic School; Dr Zohl de Ishtar, Kapululangu Women's Centre; and Ms Jane Thomas, child protection worker.

The Committee visited Halls Creek and held informal discussions with community, social and welfare groups at a meeting that had been organised by Mr Peter McConnell, CEO of Halls Creek Shire. The Committee was conducted on a visit to the camps that have grown around the edge of town with people moving in from other communities outside of Halls Creek.
