



THE SENATE

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Access to diagnosis and treatment for people in Australia with tick-borne diseases

PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday 29 January 2025

Committee Room 2S1
Parliament House, Canberra

| Time | Witness |
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| 10.15 am | TICNA (<i>Submission 104</i>) Mr Peter Owen, President |
| 10.45 am | Mr Christopher Cole (<i>Submission 65</i>) |
| 11.15 am | Lyme Disease Association of Australia and Sarcoidosis Lyme Australia (<i>Submission 80</i>) Ms Sharon Whiteman, President Ms Jacqui van Teulingen Ms Elaine Kelly, Consultant |
| 12.15 pm | Lunch Break |
| 12.45 pm | Panel Dr Leona Gilbert, Docent of Cell and Molecular and CEO of Tezted Ltd (<i>Submission 102</i>) Dr Hugh Derham, Board Member, ACIIDS (<i>Submission 5</i>) Dr Richard Schloeffel (<i>Submission 76</i>) Dr Bernie Hudson, Specialist in Infectious Diseases and Clinical Microbiology NSW Health Pathology Professor Holly Ahern (<i>Submission 93</i>) |
| 1.45 pm | Lyme Australia Recognition and Awareness (<i>Submission 6</i>) Ms Karen Smith, Founder/Researcher Mrs Opeia Stefanovic, Researcher |
| 2.15 pm | The Black Dot Project (<i>Submission 101</i>) Mr Rick Barnes, Informal Custodian |
| 2.25 pm | Mr Alistair Mills (<i>Submission 103</i>) |
| 2.35 pm | Ms Stella Zigouras |
| 2.45 pm | Professor Richard Kanaan, University of Melbourne |
| 3.15 pm | Break |
| 3.25 pm | National Health and Medical Research Council Dr Nicholas Johnson, Executive Director, Research Partnerships Branch |

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| 3.55 pm | The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) (<i>Submission 66</i>) Dr Gary Deed, RACGP Expert Committee – Quality Care; Chair, RACGP Specific Interests Diabetes |
| 4.25 pm | Department of Health and Aged Care (DHAC) (<i>Submission 1</i>) Professor Gary Lum, Principal Medical Advisor, Interim Australian Centre for Disease Control Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency Mr Matthew Hardy, National Director, Notifications, Regulatory Operations |
| 5.25 pm | <i>Adjournment</i> |