



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
10.15 am	<b>TICNA</b> ( <i>Submission 104</i> ) Mr Peter Owen, President
10.45 am	<b>Mr Christopher Cole</b> ( <i>Submission 65</i> )
11.15 am	<b>Lyme Disease Association of Australia and Sarcoidosis Lyme Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 80</i> ) Ms Sharon Whiteman, President Ms Jacqui van Teulingen Ms Elaine Kelly, Consultant
<b>12.15 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
12.45 pm	<b>Panel</b> 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	<b>Lyme Australia Recognition and Awareness</b> ( <i>Submission 6</i> ) Ms Karen Smith, Founder/Researcher Mrs Opeia Stefanovic, Researcher
2.15 pm	<b>The Black Dot Project</b> ( <i>Submission 101</i> ) Mr Rick Barnes, Informal Custodian
2.25 pm	<b>Mr Alistair Mills</b> ( <i>Submission 103</i> )
2.35 pm	<b>Ms Stella Zigouras</b>
2.45 pm	<b>Professor Richard Kanaan, University of Melbourne</b>
<b>3.15 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
3.25 pm	<b>National Health and Medical Research Council</b> Dr Nicholas Johnson, Executive Director, Research Partnerships Branch

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