



Indigenous alcohol inquiry to hear from the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education

The Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE) will appear at the next hearing of the Federal Parliamentary inquiry into the harmful use of alcohol in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities this week.

The inquiry is examining a range of issues, in particular the changing patterns of supply of alcohol, the extent of alcohol related harm and best practice strategies to minimise alcohol misuse and the wider impacts of alcohol.

In its submission FARE notes that there has been a historical focus on the responsibility of those who drink and the role of government but the role of the suppliers of alcohol and those who make the profits rarely rate a mention and is given little attention.

“The Committee has taken much evidence about the illegal supply of alcohol to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities where they have self-imposed restrictions,” Committee Chair Dr Sharman Stone MP said.

“We have heard that the purchase of alcohol online is another growth area for the alcohol industry and the Committee has registered concern about how online alcohol purchasing fits in with existing alcohol restrictions and alcohol management plans in towns and communities.”

Details of the hearing are as follows:

When Thursday, 28 August 2014
Time 11.30am – 12.15pm
Where Committee Room 1R4, Parliament House, Canberra

The full terms of reference are available at www.aph.gov.au/indigenousaffairs

The proceedings will be audio webcast live on: www.aph.gov.au/live

For media comment, please contact the Committee Chair Dr Sharman Stone MP on (03) 5821 5371. **For background information**, contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 62774559 or indigenousaffairs.reps@aph.gov.au