



Inquiry to hear evidence on best practice strategies to minimise harmful alcohol use

The House of Representatives Indigenous Affairs Committee will hear from Dr Maggie Brady on Thursday as part of the Committee's inquiry into the harmful use of alcohol in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Dr Brady is a social anthropologist and Fellow of the Australian National University's Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research. Dr Brady has over 30 years' experience working on alcohol and other substance abuse issues in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and has conducted research on alcohol policies affecting Indigenous peoples both in Australia and internationally.

The Acting Chair of the Committee, Mr Warren Snowdon MP said: "The Committee is interested in hearing about measures that have been effective in minimising harmful alcohol use and alcohol-related harm in indigenous communities both in Australia and overseas."

Mr Snowdon added: "In particular, the Committee wants to know about strategies that have been developed by Indigenous peoples in countries like Canada and the United States, who share similar histories and contemporary circumstances as Indigenous Australians. This evidence will assist the Committee in understanding how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can be better supported to take action on alcohol-related problems in their communities."

Details of the hearing are as follows:

When Thursday, 23 October 2014
Time 11.30am – 12.30pm
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

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