



Latest Round of Hearings for Skin Cancer Inquiry

The House of Representatives Health Committee will hold public hearings in Canberra, Sydney and Newcastle from 28 to 30 July in reference to its skin cancer inquiry in Australia.

The committee is investigating the awareness, prevention, early diagnosis and management of both melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers. To date the Committee has held 8 public hearings across Australia and received 68 submissions representing a diverse range of views.

Representatives of several peak bodies within the medical profession, leading research scientists and a range of clinical practitioners are among the types of organisations and individuals that will be appearing before the Committee for its latest round of hearings.

“New skin cancer treatments are now available, with gene-targeted drugs and drugs that boost the immune system offering new hope for melanoma patients and their families,” Mr Irons said.

“These new treatments raise community expectation about what can be done to treat melanoma in the short term so the committee is interested in finding out more about how new treatments can reach melanoma patients sooner.”

Hearings Details

Monday, 28 July – 9.00am to 1.30pm
Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House Canberra

Tuesday, 29 July - 9.00am to 3.30pm
Waratah Room, Parliament of New South Wales, Macquarie Street, Sydney

Wednesday, 30 July – 9.00 am to 1.10pm
Newcastle Room, Newcastle City Hall, King Street, Newcastle

The hearings will be broadcast live (audio only) at: <http://www.aph.gov.au/live>

Detailed hearing programs and further information on the inquiry, including the terms of reference, are available on the committee’s website: www.aph.gov.au/skincancer

For media comment please contact Jonathan Martin from the office of Mr Steve Irons MP, Chair on 0419 993 677. **Other enquiries**, please contact the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4145 or visit the committee's webpage: www.aph.gov.au/health.