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**Public hearing – Tuesday 29 April 2003 - Perth**

**Ageing Inquiry hears evidence of Western Australian experience**

The House of Representatives has established a Committee to investigate issues surrounding the ageing of the Australian population over the next 40 years.

The next public hearing of the inquiry will be held in Perth on Tuesday 29 April 2003 at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices, the Esplanade, Perth.

House Committee on Ageing Chair, Dr Andrew Southcott, said: "The committee will be discussing a range of important research, economic, government issues at this hearing.

"We will speak with In Dr Duncan Boldy about contemporary issues in ageing research. Dr Boldy has extensive expertise in this area with many years experience in health and social research. Dr Alan Tapper brings a different perspective on intergenerational equity.

"Nedlands City Council has been a leader in establishing positive ageing strategies and their representatives will brief the Committee on their experiences of building positive local communities. In contrast the WA Department of Premier and Cabinet will give a whole fo state perspective of the Committee"

The Committee will also meet with representatives of the WA Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Australian Services Union regarding funding strategies for retirement.

"There are many basic issues regarding long term strategies for ageing which are common to all Australians," Dr Southcott said. "but many innovative and exciting developments are state or local community based. The Committee needs to be informed of effective local solutions that may have a broader application."

To date the Committee has received more than 140 submissions to its inquiry. They, and other background materials, are available on the inquiry website at:  
[www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ageing/strategies/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ageing/strategies/index.htm)

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**For information and/ or copies of submissions, contact committee secretariat (02) 6277 4145 or visit the inquiry website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ageing>**

**Hearing program – Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices, Level 39, 2 The Esplanade, Perth**

9.00am–10:00am	Dr Duncan Boldy, Curtin University of Technology
10:00am–11.00am	Dr Alan Tapper, Edith Cowan University
11:30am-12.30pm	Nedlands City Council
1:30pm - 2:15pm	WA Chamber of Commerce and Industry
2:15pm -3:00pm	Australian Services Union
3:30pm- 4:30pm	Department of Premier and Cabinet