



Public hearing – Friday 4 July 2003 - Blacktown

Ageing Inquiry goes to Western Sydney

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 Western Sydney at the Nirimba Room, Blacktown Civic Centre, on Friday 4 July 2003. Residents of Western Sydney are particularly invited to attend.

House Committee on Ageing Chair, Dr Andrew Southcott said "The committee will meet with two prominent academics who have an interest in Western Sydney. One of Australia's most prominent researchers into ageing - Professor John McCallum (University of Western Sydney) - will be discussing a wide range of issues including ways of encouraging participation of older workers in the labour force, healthy ageing and what we can learn from the experiences of both China and Japan in this area. Associate Professor Cherry Russell (University of Sydney) will address strategies for preventing the social isolation of ageing people and both she and Professor McCallum will outline ways of promoting research into ageing.

"Representatives from the NSW Nurses Association will discuss ageing labour force issues, training and support for community based care.

"Local Western Sydney organisations will be represented with the Macarthur HACC forum, North West Community Care and the Blacktown Migrant Resource Service providing grass roots examples of current issues and trends that affect our older citizens."

Copies of the Committee's submissions to its inquiry and other background materials are available on the inquiry website at: 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 committee website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ageing>

Hearing program – Nirimba Room, Blacktown Civic Centre, Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown

9.00am–9.30am	NSW Nurses Association (submission 120)
9:45am–10.30am	Blacktown Migrant Resource Centre
10:45am-11.45am	Professor John McCallum, University of Western Sydney (submission 132) Associate Professor Cherry Russell, University of Sydney (submission 133)
11.45am -12.30pm	Macarthur HACC Forum (submission 19)
12.30pm-1.00pm	North West Community Care Inc

House Ageing Committee membership

Chairman Dr Andrew Southcott MP

Members Ms Ann Corcoran MP
 Ms Annette Ellis MP
 Ms Teresa Gambaro MP
 Ms Jill Hall MP
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