



‘Angry’ Anderson to discuss street violence at a federal parliamentary committee hearing in Sydney

Lead singer from rock band Rose Tattoo, youth advocate and Member of the Order of Australia medallist Gary ‘Angry’ Anderson will front a federal parliamentary inquiry into youth violence on Monday 1 March to discuss the underlying factors that lead some young people to engage in violent and aggressive behavior.

“Mr Anderson has a keen interest in strategies to reduce levels of street violence among young people and the Committee is keen to learn more about his experiences in this area,” Chair of the Family and Youth Committee Annette Ellis said.

The Committee will also take evidence about the impact of violence on young Australians from several other key organisations and individuals.

Dr Wayne Warburton, representing the Australian Council on Children and the Media, will talk to the Committee about the impact of exposure to media-based violence on young children and adolescents.

ACON (formerly the AIDS Council of NSW) will tell the Committee more about the increased risks of bullying and violence experienced by young gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) people.

In its submission ACON notes “For the GLBT community, the fear of violence, bullying and harassment is real; particularly because 85 per cent of people in our community have experienced some form of homophobic violence.”

The Committee will also hear from Nina Funnell, a spokesperson for survivors of sexual assault, and from Mission Australia and UnitingCare about their youth outreach and family support programs.

PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM

Monday, 1 March 2010

Rooms 814/815 - Parliament of NSW, Sydney

9:15am	Australian Council on Children and the Media
10:00am	ACON (AIDS Council of NSW)
11:00am	Mr Gary ‘Angry’ Anderson
11:45am	Mission Australia
1:00pm	Ms Nina Funnell
1:45pm	UnitingCare Children, Young People and Families

Further details are provided on the Committee website: www.aph.gov.au/fchy

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