



## Multicultural focus for new dementia inquiry

The impact of dementia on multicultural Australia will be a focus at the first public hearing of a parliamentary inquiry to be held in Adelaide this Friday.

South Australian organisation Multicultural Aged Care will be the first witness to appear for the House of Representatives Health and Ageing Committee's inquiry into early diagnosis and intervention of dementia.

Chair of the Committee and Member for Hindmarsh Steve Georganas said that with the highest prevalence of dementia anywhere in the country, his federal electorate was a good place to start.

"Not only does my electorate have the highest prevalence of dementia in the country but it is also one of the most culturally and linguistically diverse" he said.

"My electorate is home to people of more than 150 nationalities, speaking more than 200 different languages and practising over 70 different religions" he said.

"This makes it a wonderfully vibrant and dynamic place to live, retire and grow old but we have to make sure that we give our multicultural communities the support they need to tackle tough issues like dementia"

"With rates of dementia increasing around Australia and predicted to triple by 2050 it's important we know what we are doing well and what we can do better in dementia care" he said.

"That's why I'm delighted to bring the committee to South Australia so they can hear firsthand about the challenges and opportunities our local organisations see for dementia care in the future".

### PROGRAM

09:00am	Multicultural Aged Care
09:45am	Life Care
10:30am	Break
10:45am	Jenny
11:30am	ECH Inc, Eldercare Inc and Resthaven Inc
12:15pm	Break
1.15pm	Ms Kate Swaffer
2:00pm	Close

**VENUE:** George Robinson Room  
West Torrens Civic Centre, 165 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, HILTON SA

All are welcome to attend.

The hearing will be webcast live on: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

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