



## Dementia hearing in Launceston

Service providers, carers and persons with dementia will discuss the importance of a timely diagnosis and intervention strategies to minimise the impacts of dementia at public hearing in Launceston on Friday 27 July 2012.

Representatives from the Community Dementia Service (CDS) which offers consultation, assessment, information and direct care for persons with dementia will appear before the House of Representatives Health and Ageing Committee's inquiry into early diagnosis and intervention of dementia. The committee will hear from CDS about their case management model which offers multidisciplinary assessment and care for some 50-55 clients.

The committee will also speak with a number of individuals who have shared their experiences as either persons who have dementia or as carers in submissions to the inquiry. Their insights will be particularly valuable in assisting the committee to gain an understanding of how a diagnosis of dementia affects individuals and their families.

Committee Chair, Mr Steve Georganas, said the early detection and treatment of dementia is vital to slow the progression of the disease.

"It is imperative that the relevant support services exist within communities to assist persons with dementia manage their condition," Mr Georganas said.

"In addition to service providers, this hearing will enable the committee to speak with a range of community members about their experiences with dementia and the services in their local area."

### PROGRAM

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
9:30	Leo (Submission 12)
10:10	Ms Denise Chaston and Ms Kylie Wood (Submission 52)
10:50am	<i>Break</i>
11:00	Launceston General Hospital Memory Disorders Clinic (Submission 65)
11:40	Community Dementia Service, Primary Health North (Submission 14)
12:20pm	<i>Break</i>
1:00pm	Dr Fiona Bardenhagen (Submission 46)
1:40pm	Danijela (Submission 8)
2:20pm	Coralie (Submission 30)
3:00pm	Alzheimer's Australia Tasmania (Submission 37)
3:40pm	<i>Close</i>

**Venue:** Reception Room, Town Hall, St John Street, Launceston, Tasmania

The hearing will be webcast live on: [www.aph.gov.au/News\\_and\\_Events/Watch\\_Parliament](http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament)

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