



CSIRO discusses ground-breaking Australian dementia research

Scientific studies aimed at finding ways to diagnose dementia in its earliest stages will be the focus of a public hearing into parliament's inquiry into dementia diagnosis and intervention.

The CSIRO will present its latest research findings to the House of Representatives Committee on Health and Ageing at the public hearing in Canberra on September 18.

In its current study, the CSIRO is working with other research bodies and universities to improve understanding of the causes and diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, which affects more than 250,000 Australians. The study involves 1000 volunteers and combines expertise in neuroimaging, biomarkers, psychometrics and lifestyle factors.

"The historical success of reducing the impact of chronic disorders on individuals and society rests on two fundamental pillars - early diagnosis and intervention," the CSIRO said in its submission to the inquiry.

"It is clear that intervention is more biologically effective and more cost effective to society and government when it is applied at the earlier stages of the disease."

Committee chair, Steve Georganas MP, said the committee welcomed the CSIRO's input.

"The CSIRO is at the forefront of dementia research in Australia," Mr Georganas said. "The committee looks forward to hearing more about CSIRO's pioneering research in this area."

PROGRAM

12:00pm Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)
(Submission 34)

1:00pm Close

VENUE: Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House CANBERRA ACT

The hearing will be webcast live on: www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament

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