



# Overseas Trained Doctors Inquiry heads to Central Coast

The House of Representatives Health and Ageing Committee will hold a public hearing on 28 September 2011 on the Central Coast with a range of local medical practitioners, practice owners, medical authorities and general practice administrators about their experiences in recruiting and retaining foreign medical graduates.

Committee Chair, Mr Steve Georganas MP said: "This hearing is part of the Committee's inquiry into the registration processes and support available for overseas trained doctors (OTDs) seeking full Australian registration and accreditation. Ways to remove impediments and promote pathways for OTD's to achieve full Australian qualification, particularly in regional areas, without lowering the necessary standards required by colleges and regulatory bodies will also be examined".

## PROGRAM

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| 9:30am  | Dr David Little                                 |
| 10:00am | Mangrove Mountain Medical Surgery               |
| 10:30am | Central Coast Division of General Practitioners |
| 11:00am | <i>Break</i>                                    |
| 11:15am | Erina Fair Medical Centre                       |
| 11:45am | Dr Rod Beckwith                                 |
| 12:15pm | Central Coast Local Health District             |
| 12:45pm | <i>Close</i>                                    |

**The hearing will be held at Quality Inn - The Willows, 512 Pacific Highway, Wyoming NSW**

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

Observers welcome to attend

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