



# Obesity hearing in Perth

## **Committee to also visit the West Leederville Community Gardens**

The House of Representatives Health Committee will travel to Western Australia this week to hear from leading community health experts on obesity when it holds a public hearing in Perth on Thursday 6 November 2008 for the federal parliamentary inquiry into obesity in Australia.

The committee chaired by Steve Georganas (Member for Hindmarsh, SA), will hear from the Western Australian Department of Health; the Public Health Association of Australia and the Public Health Advocacy Institute; the Telethon Institute for Child Health; Kalgoorlie-based paediatrician and clinical coordinator of the Northern Goldfields Kidney Health Project, Dr Christine Jeffries Stokes; the Cancer Council WA; and Slow Food Perth. The committee is interested to learn how the experiences of these organisations can be applied to the wider Australian context.

The committee will also visit a thriving communal community garden in West Leederville.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND INSPECTION PROGRAM**  
**Thursday 6 November 2008**  
**9 am to 3:30 pm**  
**Room 2, Level 1, Legislative Assembly Committee Office**  
**11 Harvest Terrace**  
**PERTH**

<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Chair's opening statement</b>
<b>9:05 am</b>	<b>Western Australian Department of Health</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Public Health Association of Australia and Public Health Advocacy Institute</b>
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Telethon Institute for Child Health</b>
<b>11:20 am</b>	<b>Dr Christine Jeffries -Stokes</b>
<b>11:55 am</b>	<b>The Cancer Council Western Australia</b>
<b>12:25 pm</b>	<b>Slow Food Perth</b>
<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:30 pm</b>	<b>Inspection</b>
<b>3: 30 pm</b>	<b>Close.</b>

**For media comment**, please contact the Committee Chair, Steve Georganas, on (08) 8376 9000 (Electorate office).

**For all other information:** please contact the Inquiry Secretary by phone on (02) 6277 4145 or visit the Committee's inquiry website:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/haa/obesity/index.htm>