



Roundtable forum on youth suicide prevention programs to be held in Sydney

The House of Representatives Health Committee will convene a panel of experts, academics, medical practitioners to discuss issues surrounding the prevention of youth suicide at a roundtable forum being held in **Cliftons Training Rooms, 200 George Street, Sydney** on **Wednesday, 30 June 2010**.

Committee Chair and Member for Hindmarsh, Steve Georganas, said, "This roundtable will build on evidence received at the Committee's hearing in Melbourne to understand policy changes that can be made to prevent youth suicide from occurring."

"The Committee was shocked to hear that in some communities children as young as six are playing suicide games. This illustrates the need for appropriate services to be made available for all Australian young people to access mental health care and support."

The committee will hear from representatives of the following organisations:

- ANU Centre for Mental Health Research
- Boystown/Kids helpline
- The Black Dog Institute
- Lifeline Australia
- The Inspire Foundation
- NSW Transcultural Mental Health Centre
- Suicide Prevention Australia
- SunnyKids
- Wesley Mission.

The roundtable forum will commence at **11:45 am**, and discussion will be focused around the policy changes that can be made to prevent youth suicide.

All are welcome to attend.

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 on (02) 6277 4145 or visit the Committee's inquiry website: www.aph.gov.au/haa