



FASD hearing in Melbourne

The prevention of foetal alcohol exposure and FASDs is the responsibility of everyone and warrants the attention of all government jurisdictions in Australia with a National FASD Prevention Plan according to NOFASARD.

NOFASARD, the national organisation for fetal alcohol syndrome and related disorders, and other groups will appear in the public hearing as part of the inquiry into Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder being held by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs. The Committee will hold a public hearing and visit the Royal Women's Hospital.

The Committee is continuing to receive evidence of the lack of information about the incidence and prevalence of FASD in Australia.

The Committee Chair, Graham Perrett said that the Committee was seeking to find some of the barriers to better diagnosing and managing FASD.

“We were concerned to receive evidence that there are no Australian clinical guidelines for diagnosing FASD especially when we hear that studies demonstrate that the odds of escaping adverse life outcomes are increased 2-4 fold by receiving a diagnosis under the age of six.”

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

**Friday, 22 June 2012, 10.00 am to 2.00 pm, Committee Rooms (Room G6) Parliament of Victoria
55 St Andrews Place, East Melbourne**

- 10.00 am** The Aqua Study, Murdoch Childrens Research Institute
- 10.30 am** Mr Paul Harper
- 11.00 am** National Alliance on Action against Alcohol
- 11.30 pm** NOFASARD
- 12.30 pm** Justice and International Mission Unit, Uniting Church of Victoria & Tasmania

- 2.00 pm** Site Inspection at the Royal Women's Hospital

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A transcript of the proceedings will also be made available online next week.

Information about the Committee's inquiry is available on the FASD inquiry website at
www.aph.gov.au/fasd.

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