

# SENATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE

## INQUIRY INTO SERVICES AND TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR PERSONS WITH CANCER

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

On 10 February 2005 the Senate referred the following matters to the Senate Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 23 June 2005.

- (a) The delivery of services and options for treatment for persons diagnosed with cancer, with particular reference to:
  - (i) the efficacy of a multi-disciplinary approach to cancer treatment,
  - (ii) the role and desirability of a case manager/case co-ordinator to assist patients and/or their primary care givers,
  - (iii) differing models and best practice for addressing psycho/social factors in patient care,
  - (iv) differing models and best practice in delivering services and treatment options to regional Australia and Indigenous Australians, and
  - (v) current barriers to the implementation of best practice in the above fields; and
- (b) How less conventional and complementary cancer treatments can be assessed and judged, with particular reference to:
  - (i) the extent to which less conventional and complementary treatments are researched, or are supported by research,
  - (ii) the efficacy of common but less conventional approaches either as primary treatments or as adjuvant/complementary therapies, and
  - (iii) the legitimate role of government in the field of less conventional cancer treatment.

Written submissions are invited and should be addressed to:

**The Secretary**  
**Senate Community Affairs References Committee**  
**Suite S1 59**  
**Parliament House**  
**Canberra ACT 2600**

**Closing date for the receipt of submissions is 18 March 2005.**

**The Committee prefers to receive submissions electronically as an attached document - email: [community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au)**

Submissions become Committee documents and are made public only after a decision by the Committee. Persons making submissions must not release them without the approval of the Committee. Submissions are covered by parliamentary privilege but the unauthorised release of them is not.

Following consideration of submissions, the Committee will hold public hearings. The Committee will consider all submissions and may invite individuals and organisations to give evidence at the public hearings.

Information relating to Senate Committee inquiries, including notes to assist in the preparation of submissions for a Committee, can be located on the internet at [http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/wit\\_sub/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/wit_sub/index.htm)

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