

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **Public Hearings**

*Monday, 12 October 2009*

*Parliament House, Canberra*

#### **Committee Members in attendance**

Senator Claire Moore (Acting Chair)

Senator Sue Boyce

Senator John Williams

#### **Witnesses**

##### **Department of Health and Ageing**

Ms Mary McDonald, A/g First Assistant Secretary,  
Regulatory Policy and Governance Division

Ms Teresa Ward, National Manager Office of Hearing Services

Ms Joy Savage A/g First Assistant Secretary, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander  
Health

Ms Tarja Saastamoinen, Assistant Secretary Family Health and Wellbeing Branch

Dr Geetha Isaac-Toua, Medical Advisor, Public Health Advisory Unit, Aboriginal and  
Torres Strait Islander Health

Dr Bernie Towler, Principal Medical Advisor, Office of Health Protection

##### **Deafness Forum of Australia**

Ms Nicole Lawder, Chief Executive Officer

Ms Sharan Westcott, Deputy Chair

##### **ACT Deafness Resource Centre**

Mr John Sykes, President, Management Committee

##### **Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH)**

Mr Rod Wellington, Chief Executive Officer

Ms Shaunine Quinn, Chief Executive Officer, Neurosensory Unit (Queensland)

##### **Canberra Deaf Children's Association**

Ms Wendy McMullen, Vice President

Mr Rod Pymont

##### **Shepherd Centre**

Ms Anthea Green, Chief Executive Officer

***Tuesday, 13 October 2009***

***New South Wales Parliament House, Sydney***

**Committee Members in attendance**

Senator Claire Moore (Acting Chair)

Senator Judith Adams

Senator Sue Boyce

Senator John Williams

**Witnesses**

**Sydney Cochlear Implant Centre (SCIC)**

Mr Chris Rehn, General Manager

**Hearing Aid Manufacturers and Distributors Association of Australia**

Mr David Rundell, President

Mr Ashley Wilson, Vice President

**Let Us Hear**

Mrs Margaret Colebrook

Ms Noeleen Hiron, Secretary

Ms Barbara Fisher, Committee Member

**Australian Hearing**

Professor Harvey Dillon, Director, National Acoustic Laboratory

Ms Margaret Dewberry, Executive Manager, Indigenous and Multicultural Services

Ms Alison King, Principal Audiologist Paediatric Services

**Mr Alex Jones**

**Ms Leonie Jackson**

**Aussie Deaf Kids**

**Parents with Children with Unilateral Hearing Loss**

**Australian New Zealand Parents of Deaf Children**

Ms Ann Porter, Chief Executive Officer, Aussie Deaf Kids

Mrs Sue Rayner, on behalf of Australian New Zealand Parents of Deaf Children

**Deaf Society of NSW**

Ms Sheena Walters, Senior Manager, Services

Ms Kate Nelson, Program Officer

**Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children**

**National Newborn Hearing Screening Committee**

Professor Greg Leigh, Chair RIDBC and Chair NNHSC

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*Wednesday, 11 November 2009*  
*Wesley Conference Centre, Sydney*

**Committee Members in attendance**

Senator Rachel Siewert (Chair)  
Senator Judith Adams  
Senator Sue Boyce  
Senator Claire Moore  
Senator John Williams

**Witnesses**

**Australian Human Rights Commission**

Mr Graeme Innes AM, Disability Discrimination Commissioner  
Ms Alison Aggarwal, Senior Policy Officer, Social Justice Unit  
Ms Cristina Ricci, Senior Policy Officer, Disability Rights Unit

**NSW Hospital Audiologists and Allied Audiologists**

Ms Monica Wilkinson, Audiologist  
Mrs Jenny Rosen, Audiologist  
Mrs Barbara Nudd, Chief Audiologist  
Mrs Jenelle Cook, Chief Audiologist  
Mr Hans Satyan, Chief Audiologist

**Deaf Australia (NSW)**

Ms Kate Nelson  
Mr Donovan Mulligan

**SHHH Australia Inc**

Mr Richard Brading, President

**National Ethnic Disability Alliance**

Mr Dinesh Wadiwel, Executive Officer

**Ms Kate Locke**

**Farmsafe Australia**

Ms Julie Depczynski

**Australian Hearing**

Professor Harvey Dillon, Director, National Acoustics Laboratory  
Ms Margaret Dewberry, Executive Manager, Indigenous and Multicultural Services  
Ms Samantha Harkus, Manager, Indigenous Services

**Hearing Care Industry Association**

Ms Donna Staunton, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr John Gimpel, Director

Mr Peter Carstensen, Director

***Monday, 7 December 2009***

***Brisbane Exhibition and Conference Centre, Brisbane***

**Committee Members in attendance**

Senator Rachel Siewert (Chair)

Senator Judith Adams

Senator Sue Boyce

Senator Claire Moore

**Witnesses**

**Dr Chris Perry**

**Deaf Australia Inc**

Ms Karen Lloyd, Executive Officer

**Mr Peter Lindley**

**Attune Hearing Pty Ltd**

Mr Patrick Gallagher, Executive Chairman

Ms Jenny Stevens, Clinical Director

**Ai Media**

Mr Tony Abrahams, Chief Executive

**Hear and Say**

Ms Dimity Dornan, Founder and Managing Director

Reimer, Mr Ray, Chairman

Ms Jane Black, Director

Mr Chris McCarthy, Executive Manager, People, Planning and Strategy

Mr Tim Hughes, Parents Advisory Committee Member

**Australian Communication Exchange**

Mr Alexander Gilliland, Chief Executive Officer

Ms Tegan Jones, Director of Strategy and Planning

***Tuesday, 8 December 2009***

***The University of Melbourne, Melbourne***

**Committee Members in attendance**

Senator Rachel Siewert (Chair)

Senator Judith Adams

Senator Sue Boyce

Senator Claire Moore

**Witnesses****HEARing CRC**

Associate Professor Robert Cowan, Chief Executive Officer

**Audiology and Speech Sciences, University of Melbourne**

Professor Richard Dowell

**Better Hearing Australia**

Mrs Jacqueline O'Callaghan, President

**Australian DeafBlind Council**

Mr John Finch

Ms Michelle Stevens, Member, ADBC

Ms Carla Anderson, Member, ADBC

Tactile signing was provided by Dennis Witcome, Sarah Howell, Meredith Bartlett and Kathy Leibick

**Meniere's Australia**

Mr John Cook, President

Ms Lyn Polson, Honorary CEO/Secretary

Mr Richard Osborn, Committee Member

**Audiology Australia**

Mr Jim Brown, President

Dr Catherine McMahon, Vice President

Ms Monica Persson, Chief Executive Officer

**Victorian Deaf Society**

Mr Graham Kelly, Chief Executive Officer

Dr Louisa Willoughby, Researcher

**Deafness Foundation**

Ms Noeleen Bieske, Director

A/Professor Brian Pyman, Board Member

Dr Adrian Thomas, Board Member

**Alliance of Deaf Children**

Ms Marilyn Dann, Board Member, Taralye

***Wednesday, 9 December 2009***  
***Perth Exhibition and Conference Centre, Perth***

**Committee Members in attendance**

Senator Rachel Siewert (Chair)  
Senator Judith Adams  
Senator Claire Moore

**Witnesses**

**Australian Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery**  
Dr Stuart Miller, President

**Professor Harvey Coates AO**

**Senses Foundation Inc**

Ms Debbie Karasinski, Chief Executive Officer  
Ms Elvira Edwards, Senior Manager  
Mr Matthew Wittorff, Manager, Therapy and Specialist Services

**Telethon Speech and Hearing**

Mr Paul Higginbotham, Chief Executive Officer

**Ms Ann Jacobs**

**Ear Science Institute Australia**

Professor Robert Eikelboom

**Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet**

Ms Jane Burns, Senior Research Officer

**Western Australian Department of Health**

Dr Robyn Lawrence, Acting Director General

***Tuesday, 16 February 2010***  
***Darwin Convention Centre, Darwin***

**Committee Members in attendance**

Senator Rachel Siewert (Chair)  
Senator Judith Adams  
Senator Sue Boyce  
Senator Mark Furner  
Senator Claire Moore

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**Witnesses****Northern Territory Government**

Ms Kathy Currie, Hearing Health Program Leader

Ms Amarjit Anand, NT Hearing Manager - Principal Audiologist

**Mr Derek Moule**

**Mr Lou Leidwinger** [via teleconference]

Regional Audiologist, Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council

**Northern Territory Department of Education**

Ms Denyse Bainbridge, Coordinator Hearing Team, Student Services Division

Mr Peter White, Director Disability Services

**Menzies School of Health Research**

Assoc Professor Peter Morris

Ms Anna Stephen, PhD Student

Ms Felicity Ward, Project Coordinator

**Ms Sandra Nelson****North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency**

Mrs Dorothy Fox, Board Director

Mr Jared Sharp, Manager Advocacy

Ms Elizabeth Temple, Member

**Mr Damien Howard****Mrs Alison Wunungmurra**

*Thursday, 18 February 2010*

*Chifley Alice Springs Resort, Alice Springs*

**Committee Members in attendance**

Senator Rachel Siewert (Chair)

Senator Judith Adams

Senator Mark Furner

Senator Claire Moore

**Witnesses****Central Australian Youth Link Up Service**

Mr Tristan Ray, Manager

Mr Blair McFarland, Co-Manager

Mr Ilan Warchivker, Consultant, Health Economic and Economic Development

**Mrs Rebecca Allnut**

Audiologist

*Friday, 19 March 2010*

*Parliament House, Canberra*

**Committee Members in attendance**

Senator Rachel Siewert (Chair)

Senator Sue Boyce

Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells

Senator Claire Moore

**Witnesses**

**Safe Work Australia**

Wayne Creaser, Branch Manager, Research and Data Branch

Fleur Champion de Crespigny, Assistant Director, Research and Evaluation Section

**Australian Hearing**

Professor Harvey Dillon, Director of Research

Ms Gina Mavrias, Executive Manager, Operations

Ms Samantha Harkus, Manager, Indigenous Services

**NTER Hearing Assessment – via teleconference**

Ms Kathie Currie, Hearing Health Program Leader, NT Department of Health and Families

Ms Kacy Kohn, East Arnhem Regionalisation Coordinator, NT Department of Health and Families

**Mrs Jo Nixon– via teleconference**

**Department of Health and Ageing**

Ms Mary McDonald, First Assistant Secretary, Regulatory Policy and Governance Division

Ms Teresa Ward, National Manager, Office of Hearing Services

Ms Tarja Saastamoinen, Assistant Secretary, Family Health and Wellbeing Branch, Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

Mr Craig Ritchie, Assistant Secretary, Remote Health Service Development Branch, Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

Dr Bernie Towler, Principal Medical Advisor, Office of Health Protection

Mr Peter Woodley, Assistant Secretary, Medicare Financing and Analysis Branch, Medical Benefits Division