

re the Inquiry into Hearing Health in Australia Quota International Inc. of Camden NSW wish to add our support for this matter.

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> It is vital that our elderly citizens have a recognised symbol attached
> to their health record and/or above their bed at hospital or nursing
> facility that would bring to the attention of carers and medical staff
> the silent and unseen problem of deafness.

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> With the use of i-pods and such devices commonly seen amongst the
> younger generation the matter of Hearing Loss for this generation could
> well become an epidemic as they age if it is not a major problem already.

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> A public education and awareness program is needed and of great
> importance in caring for the aged as well as the younger generation.

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> Quota International of Camden Inc. support all matters relating to the
> Inquiry into Hearing Health in Australia.

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> Yours faithfully

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