

# SENATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE

## INQUIRY INTO HEARING HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

On 10 September 2009 the Senate referred the following matter to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day in February 2010:

Hearing Health in Australia with particular reference to:

- a) the extent, causes and costs of hearing impairment in Australia;
- b) the implications of hearing impairment for individuals and the community;
- c) the adequacy of access to hearing services, including assessment and support services, and hearing technologies;
- d) the adequacy of current hearing health and research programs, including education and awareness programs; and
- e) specific issues affecting Indigenous communities.

The Committee is seeking written submissions from interested individuals and organisations preferably sent electronically by email to [community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au) as an attached PDF or Word format document. The email must include full postal address and contact details.

Alternatively written submissions may be sent to:

Committee Secretary  
Senate Community Affairs References Committee  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Due to the interest generated by this inquiry, the Committee will continue to receive submission throughout the inquiry.

Submissions become Committee documents and are made public only after a decision by the Committee. Publication of submissions includes loading them onto the internet and their being available to other interested parties including the media. 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 protected.

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For further details please contact the Committee Secretariat by phone: (02) 6277 3515, fax: (02) 6277 5829 or email to [community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au)

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