

SENATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
INQUIRY INTO PETROL SNIFFING AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
IN CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

Terms of Reference

On 17 June 2008 the Senate referred matters relating to petrol sniffing and substance abuse in central Australia to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 16 October 2008:

- (1) The Senate:
 - (a) notes the report of the Community Affairs References Committee, *Beyond petrol sniffing: renewing hope for Indigenous communities*, dated June 2006, and the current expenditure on programs aimed at addressing petrol sniffing; and
 - (b) expresses concern at recent reports on the increase of petrol sniffing in central Australia.
- (2) That the following matters be referred to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 16 October 2008:
 - (a) the ongoing effectiveness of the eight-point plan in combating petrol sniffing in central Australia;
 - (b) the extent of the roll out of Opal fuel;
 - (c) the delivery of youth services in affected areas;
 - (d) the effectiveness and adequacy of resources provided to address petrol sniffing and substance abuse in central Australia; and
 - (e) what more needs to be done to effectively address petrol sniffing.

Written submissions are invited and should be addressed to:

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

Closing date for the receipt of submissions is 31 July 2008.

The Committee prefers to receive submissions electronically as an attached document - email: community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au

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.

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

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