



## SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH

### MEDIA RELEASE

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## SENATE INQUIRY INTO MENTAL HEALTH

### PUBLIC HEARING IN MELBOURNE

The Senate Select Committee on Mental Health will hold **public hearings** in Melbourne on **Tuesday to Thursday 5-7 July 2005**.

The Committee has received over 220 submissions from Victoria. It will hear from many individuals and organisations experienced in mental health care, policy and research. They will include representatives of:

- beyondblue;
- Orygen Research Centre
- Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council; and
- Victorian Department of Health.

The hearings are to be held at the St James Court Conference Centre, and are open to the public from 9.00am on Tuesday and Wednesday, and from 11.00am on Thursday. The programs for the hearings are attached.

Senator Lyn Allison  
Committee Chair

Further inquiries to Ian Holland, Committee Secretary, on (02) 6277 3019 or 0411 026 208.

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## Senate Select Committee on Mental Health

### PUBLIC HEARING - MELBOURNE

**Tuesday  
5 July 2005  
9.00am – 4:55pm**

**St James Court Conference Centre,  
12 Batman Street  
(Cnr King and Batman Sts)  
West Melbourne**

#### PROGRAM

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| 9:00 – 9:45          | <b>beyondblue (Submission 363)</b><br>The Hon. Mr Jeff Kennett AC, Chair<br>Ms Leonie Young, Chief Executive Officer  |
| 9:45 – 10:30         | <b>Healthscope (Submission 82)</b><br>Mr Bruce Dixon, Managing Director<br>Ms Sue Williams, National Manager, Psychiatry  |
| <b>10:30 – 10:45</b> | <b><i>Morning Tea</i></b>   |
| 10:45 – 11:20        | <b>Insane (Submission 2)</b><br>Mr David Webb<br>Ms Cath Roper  |
| 11:20 – 11:40        | <b>Ms Merinda Epstein (Submission 207)</b>  |
| 11:40 – 12:20        | <b>Forum of Australian Services for Survivors of Torture and Trauma (FASSTT) (Submission 397)</b><br>Mr Paris Aristotle, AM, Director<br>Dr Ida Kaplan, Director, Clinical Services |
| <b>12:20 – 1:20</b>  | <b><i>Lunch</i></b>   |
| 1:20 – 2:00          | <b>VICSERV (Submission 347)</b><br>Mr David Clarke, Chief Executive Officer   |
| 2:00 – 2:40          | <b>SANE Australia (Submission 133)</b><br>Ms Barbara Hocking, Chief Executive Officer   |
| 2:40 – 3:20          | <b>Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council (Submission 267)</b><br>Ms Isabell Collins, Director  |
| <b>3:20 – 3:35</b>   | <b><i>Afternoon Tea</i></b>   |
| 3:35 – 4:15          | <b>depressioNet (Submission 475)</b><br>Ms Leanne Pethick, Chief Executive Officer  |
| 4:15 – 4:55          | <b>Mental Illness Fellowship of Victoria (Submission 388)</b><br>Ms Elizabeth Crowther, Chief Executive<br>Mr Gerard Reed, Communications Manager                                   |

## Senate Select Committee on Mental Health

### PUBLIC HEARING - MELBOURNE

Wednesday  
6 July 2005  
9.00am – 4.40pm

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#### PROGRAM

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| 9:00 – 9:40   | <b>Dr Georgina Phillips (Submission 255)</b>  |
| 9:40 – 10:20  | <b>Eastern Hume Dual Diagnosis Services (Submission 374)</b><br>Mr Gary Croton, Clinical Nurse Consultant<br>Mr Tim Rolfe, Consultant Psychiatrist  |
| 10:20 – 10:35 | <i>Morning Tea</i>  |
| 10:35 – 11:15 | <b>Mental Health Legal Centre (Submission 314)</b><br>Ms Vivian Topp, Lawyer, Policy<br>Mr Kier Saltmarsh, Chair, Committee of Management<br>Ms Merinda Epstein, Policy Worker  |
| 11:15 – 11:55 | <b>Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health (Submission 306)</b><br>Mr Michael Burt, Chief Executive Officer<br>Professor Paul Mullen, Clinical Director   |
| 11:55 – 12:35 | <b>Mental Health Foundation of Australia (Submission 434)</b><br>Professor Graham Burrows AO KCSJ<br>Ms Megan McQueenie, Executive Director   |
| 12:35 – 1:35  | <i>Lunch</i>  |
| 1:35 – 2:15   | <b>Centre for Psychiatric Nursing Research &amp; Practice (CPNRP) (Submission 217)</b><br>Dr. Brenda Happell - Director<br>Mr Brian Jackson - Senior Nurse Advisor and Chairperson of CPNRP Executive<br>Ms Silvana Sgro, Policy Analyst<br>Ms Cath Roper - Consumer Academic – CPNRP |
| 2:15 – 3:05   | <b>City of Port Phillip (Submission 326)</b><br>Ms Kate Incerti, Housing Information and Support Worker<br><b>Hume City Council (Submission 298)</b><br>Ms Nicole Mahony, Director City Communities<br>Ms Denise Shearer, Manager, Social Development                                 |
| 3:05 – 3:20   | <i>Afternoon tea</i>  |
| 3:20 – 4:00   | <b>The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) (Submission 323)</b><br>Dr Julian Freidin, President<br>Dr Johanna Lammersma, Hon. Secretary<br>Mr Harry Lovelock, Director of Policy   |
| 4:00 – 4:40   | <b>Clinical Psychologists (Submission 401)</b><br>Mr Raymond Rudd, Clinical Psychologist<br>Professor Henry Jackson, Clinical Psychologist, Head of the School of Behavioural Science, (Department of Psychology), University of Melbourne.   |

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**PUBLIC HEARING - MELBOURNE**

**Thursday  
7 July 2005  
11.00am – 1:30pm**

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**PROGRAM**

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| 11:00 – 11:40 | <b>ORYGEN Youth Health and ORYGEN Research Centre (Submission 284)</b><br>Professor Patrick McGorry, Director<br>Dr Andrew Chanen, Consultant Psychiatrist and Senior Lecturer<br>Dr Dan Lubman, Consultant Psychiatrist and Senior Lecturer<br>Ms Di Albiston, Clinical Program Manager |
| 11:40 – 12:10 | <b>ORYGEN Youth Platform Team (Submission 280)</b>   |
| 12:10 – 1:10  | <b>Department of Health, Victoria (Submission 445)</b><br>Dr Ruth Vine, Director of Mental Health Services, Department of Human Services   |