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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth

Chair: Annette Ellis MP Deputy Chair: Hon Judi Moylan MP

Homelessness Australia to appear for the inquiry into homelessness legislation

The House of Representatives Housing Committee will hear from Homelessness Australia and from Southern Youth and Family Services, at its first public hearing for the homelessness legislation inquiry on Wednesday 19 August, between 10:15am and 11:00am at Parliament House in Canberra.

The Chair of the House Family, Community, Housing and Youth Committee Annette Ellis said this inquiry is an excellent opportunity for people and interested organisations to comment on what should be included in new homelessness legislation.

"The Committee is interested to hear the evidence from Homelessness Australia and from Southern Youth and Family Services, particularly their comments on specific principles that should underpin new legislation," Ms Ellis said.

Homelessness Australia is the national peak body working to prevent and respond to homelessness in Australia.

Southern Youth and Family Services is the umbrella organisation providing a range of services including youth and family support services, accommodation and support services for homeless youth and counselling services.

Wednesday, 19 August 2009 – 10:15am to 11:00am Parliament House, Committee Room 2R2

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Further details are provided on the Committee website: <u>www.aph.gov.au/fchy</u>.

For media comment, please contact the Committee Chair, Ms Annette Ellis, on (02) 6293 1344 (electorate office).

For all other inquiries please contact the Inquiry Secretary by phone on (02) 6277 4566 or by email <u>fchy.reps@aph.gov.au</u> or visit the Committee's website: <u>www.aph.gov.au/fchy</u>