

MEDIA ALERT

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

Public hearing with Wesley Mission (Melbourne) Inquiry into homelessness legislation

The House of Representatives Family, Community and Housing Committee will hear from Wesley Mission (Melbourne) at its third public hearing for the inquiry into homelessness legislation to be held on Wednesday 16 September between 10:10am and 11:00am at Parliament House in Canberra.

Since 1991 Wesley Mission (Melbourne) has delivered homelessness support services in the Eastern Region of Melbourne. The current homelessness services include a crisis service, generalist housing support services for young people, a service focusing on the particular needs of vulnerable children and a youth refuge. Representatives from Wesley Mission (Melbourne) will include two of the Mission's clients, both of whom have direct experience of homelessness

Acting Chair of the Committee, Mrs Judi Moylan MP (Member for Pearce) said, 'The hearing provides an excellent opportunity for Wesley Mission (Melbourne) as a provider of services to the homeless to comment on what should be included in new homelessness legislation.'

Ms Moylan also said 'As people with first hand experience of homelessness, the Committee is also keen to take this opportunity to hear more from the Wesley's clients about the realities of homelessness and the challenges facing homeless people on a daily basis.'

PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM

Wednesday, 16 September 2009 - Committee Room 2R2 - Parliament House, Canberra

10:10am-10:35am Wesley Mission Melbourne

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

For media comment, please contact the Acting Committee Chair, The Hon Judi Moylan MP, on (08) 9294 3222 (electorate office).

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