



**Social Development Committee
South Australian Parliament**

**Dental Services for
Older South Australians**

Terms of reference referred to the Committee on its own motion on 11 May 2009 that ~

The Social Development Committee inquire into and report on dental services for older South Australians living in residential care and independently in the community.

The Committee intends to focus on:

- a. current and future dental care needs of older South Australians,
- b. factors that impact on the oral health of older South Australians including physical and cognitive impairment and the effect of medications,
- c. the social, economic and health implications of poor oral health on older South Australians and the South Australian economy,
- d. the adequacy of current and proposed State and Commonwealth dental health services, programs and funding for older South Australians,
- e. factors that impede the provision of quality dental health care to older South Australians including dental workforce issues,
- f. possible measures to improve the oral health of older South Australians, and
- g. any other relevant matters.

For the purposes of this Inquiry, older South Australians are defined as those aged 65 years and over.

This reference was advertised in the local and national press on Saturday 16 May 2009. Any person or organisation can forward a written submission to the Secretary either by post or email by Friday 10 July 2009. Requests to provide an oral submission should be directed to the Secretary in the first instance. Further information about the Committee and making a submission can be obtained at

<http://www.parliament.sa.gov.au/Committees/Standing/LC/SocialDevelopmentCommittee/SocialDevelopmentCommittee.htm>

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