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PHAA's Great Election Public Health Debate

Where: The Hellenic Club of Canberra, Matilda Street, Woden
(Olympus Room)

When: Tuesday 10 August 2010

Time: 7pm – 9:30pm

More than 120 people from the health and community sectors are coming together to see Gai Brodtmann, ACT Labor candidate for Canberra; Senator Gary Humphries from the Canberra Liberals; and Lin Hatfield Dodds, ACT Greens Senate candidate, go head-to-head on some of the key public health issues in the national context ahead of the federal election.

Specifically, the candidates will be asked to explore issues such as: the impact of policies in other portfolios on health measures; key priorities for public health; funding for preventive health measures; implementation of Preventative Health Taskforce recommendations on alcohol, tobacco and obesity; improving health outcomes for disadvantaged groups; mental health and comorbidity; Indigenous health; oral health; and climate change policies.

Provisional Program

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| 7:00pm | Dinner commences; introductory comments by Dr Ian White, ACT PHAA Branch President |
| 7:10pm | Introduction to candidates by MC, Michael Moore, PHAA CEO |
| 7:15pm: | Overviews of party policies on public health issues by candidates |
| 7:30pm: | Candidates to each provide answers to questions on key public health issues |
| 9:15pm: | Question and answer session with audience |
| 9:30pm: | Conclusion |

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