



# Committee to focus on skin cancer

FAR North Queenslanders are being urged to make a submission to a new parliamentary inquiry into skin cancer.

Leichhardt federal Liberal MP Warren Entsch said skin cancer killed over 2000 Australians a year.

“According to Cancer Council Australia, two in three Australians will be diagnosed with a skin cancer by the time they turn 70,” Mr Entsch said.

“More than 400,000 people in Australia are treated for one or more non-melanoma skin cancers each year. Melanoma remains the most common cancer in Australians aged 15 to 44 years.

“Given our outdoors lifestyle, and our love of the water and the beach, it is vital that we stay vigilant, focus on prevention, and do everything we can to make sure they are caught early.”

Mr Entsch said a House of Representatives committee would investigate and report on awareness, early diagnosis and management of melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers.

Committee chair and Swan federal Liberal MP Steve Irons said Australians have over 12 times the global average rate of skin melanoma, the highest in the world.

He said the committee wanted to hear from both medical experts and ordinary Australians by COB on March 12, at [health.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:health.reps@aph.gov.au) or at House of Representatives Health Committee, Parliament House, Canberra.

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