

# South Australian Task Force on Multiple Chemical Sensitivity

## **PUBLIC HEALTH RALLY**

RECOGNISING

## **MULTIPLE CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY**

*MONDAY 8 OCTOBER 2007*

*12 MIDDAY – 2 PM*

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11 WAYMOUTH ST, ADELAIDE*

Multiple Chemical Sensitivity is a chronic medical condition where people are made sick by common chemicals in everyday products, often at levels assessed as safe by chemical regulators.

MCS is frequently associated with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

For several years the Department of Health and Ageing's Office of Chemical Safety has been promising a review of national policy on MCS.

To date there have been no practical outcomes from these assurances.

People with MCS have been excluded from any meaningful consultation process and they continue to be denied equitable access to basic services such as healthcare, housing and education.

In 2005 a Parliamentary Inquiry into MCS in South Australia found that "MCS is very real" and that "up to 6 percent of the population may have MCS". The Inquiry recommended a range of groundbreaking public health and disability access reforms recognising MCS. Despite these findings the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing continues to ignore the needs of citizens with MCS.

The rally calls on the Federal Government to urgently address the growing public health problem of MCS.

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