

Cellphone Standard's Inquiry  
by the  
Australian Senate

- Thursday, 31 August 2000 -

STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON THE  
ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNICATIONS,  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
AND THE ARTS

This is an uncorrected copy of the  
Transcript of  
Dr Michael Repacholi's - WHO  
appearance at the Australian Senate Inquiry  
into cellphone and health standards.

- Extract p. 32 / 33 -

**Sen. ALLISON (Chair)**

What about your yourself, Dr Repacholi, do you work for the telecommunications or electricity industry in any sense?

**Dr. REPACHOLI**

I have previously been on a court case for something in New Zealand.

**Sen. ALLISON (Chair)**

And you represented whom?

**Dr. REPACHOLI**

I told them I was representing international standards. If you want to know what international standards then I will go on.

**Sen. ALLISON (Chair)**

Who were you working for?

**Dr. REPACHOLI**

My expenses were paid by industry at that time.

**Sen. ALLISON (Chair)**

Which industry was that?

**Dr. REPACHOLI**

The power industry. And the telecommunications industry also had a court case.

**Sen. ALLISON (Chair)**

In what capacity did you appear for the electricity and telecommunications industry?

**Dr. REPACHOLI**

What I tell them is that I appear as an independent person. They can pay my expenses but I am only going to say what the international standards are, how they are derived and what the rationale for the standards are.

**Sen. ALLISON (Chair)**

But didn't you take the industry line in relation to those court cases?

**Dr. REPACHOLI**

I do not take any line. I just take the international standards line. There is not a line. I just follow the science.

**Sen. ALLISON (Chair)**

I thought you appeared on behalf of the industry?

**Dr. REPACHOLI**

My expenses were paid at that time by industry, because they wanted to know what the international standards were.

**Sen. ALLISON (Chair)**

You were the expert witness for industry?

**Dr. REPACHOLI**

Yes. But that said, I cannot do that anymore, because WHO will not allow anyone to participate in a court case or anything now-you have to be within the WHO legal guidelines.