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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.
Sen. ALLISON (Chair)

What about 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.