



THE SENATE

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Purpose, intent and adequacy of the Disability Support Pension

**PUBLIC HEARING
Monday 11 October 2021**

**Committee 2S3
Parliament House, Canberra**

Time	Witness
8.30 am	<p>Advocacy Law Alliance (<i>Submission 75</i>) Ms Kylie Hyde, Senior Solicitor, Disability, Mid North Coast Legal Ms Amanda Brickwood, Manager, Disability Advocacy</p> <p>Financial Counselling Victoria (<i>Submission 77</i>) Ms Jo Parkin Ms Elizabeth Stary, Senior Financial Counsellor Ms Georgia Robenstone, Campaigns and Advocacy Manager</p> <p>Victoria Legal Aid (<i>Submission 93</i>) Ms Rowan McRae, Executive Director, Civil Justice, Access and Equity Ms Alina Leikin, Managing Lawyer, Economic and Social Rights Program Mr Doug Reidy, Lived Experience</p>
9.30 am	<p>Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (<i>Submission 79</i>) Dr John Boffa, Chief Medical Officer, Public Health Dr Colin Marchant, Deputy Medical Director</p> <p>First Peoples Disability Network Australia (<i>Submission 57</i>) Mr Damien Griffis, Chief Executive Officer Ms June Reimer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (<i>Submission 84</i>) Ms Patricia Turner, Chief Executive Officer Ms Jess Styles, Director - Programs</p>
10.30 am	Break
10.45 am	<p>Professor Alex Collie Professor and Director of Insurance Work and Health Group, School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Monash University</p> <p>The Salvation Army Australia (<i>Submission 4</i>) Ms Jennifer Kirkaldy, General Manager of Policy and Advocacy Ms Kristen Hartnett, Regional Manager of Moneycare</p> <p>Springvale Monash Legal Service Inc. (<i>Submission 78</i>) Ms Ashleigh Newnham Ms Korina Leoncio, Managing Solicitor</p>

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11.45 am	<p>Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (<i>Submission 118</i>) Mr Patrick McGee, National Manager, Policy, Advocacy and Research Ms Jody Barney, AFDO First Nations Disability Consultant Ms Natasha Thomson, AFDO Social Security Consultant</p> <p>Associate Professor Karen Soldatic (<i>Submission 42</i>) Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University</p> <p>Brotherhood of St Laurence (<i>Submission 80</i>) Dr Dina Bowman, Principal Research Fellow, Work and Economic Security</p>
12.20 pm	Break
12.25 pm	<p>Deaf First Nations Experience Mr Lesley Footscray, Lived Experience Ms Sue Frank, Cultural Support to Lesley Footscray Mrs Alma Smith, Lived Experience Mr Peter Smith, Spousal support for Alma Smith/ Lived Experience Ms Jody Barney, ADFO Cultural Communications Consultant</p>
1.00 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm	<p>Dr Darren O'Donovan (<i>Submission 114</i>) Senior Lecturer, La Trobe University</p> <p>The Whitlam Institute (<i>Submission 26</i>) Mr John Della Bosca AM, Whitlam Institute Fellow</p>
2.15 pm	<p>Department of Education, Skills and Employment Mr Kraig Lowes, Assistant Secretary, Job Seeker Participation and Compliance Branch Ms Miranda Lauman, Acting First Assistant, Employment Programs and Activation Division Ms Benedikte Jensen, First Assistant Secretary, Labour Market and Workforce Policy Division Ms Carmel O'Regan, Assistant Secretary, Labour Market Policy Branch</p>
3.00 pm	Break
3.15 pm	<p>Department of Social Services (<i>Submission 29</i>) Mr Matt Flavel, Deputy Secretary Social Security Mr Troy Sloan, Group Manager - Pensions, Housing, and Homelessness Group Mr Andrew Seebach, Branch Manager - Carer and Disability Payments Mr Tarja Saastamoinen, Acting Group Manager - Disability Employment and Carers</p> <p>Services Australia Mr Brendan Moon, General Manager - Working Age Programmes Ms Catherine Stephenson, National Manager - Programme Management and Assurance Branch</p> <p>National Disability Insurance Agency Ms Lisa Studdart, Deputy Chief Executive Officer - Markets, Governments and Engagement Group Ms Liz Neville, General Manager - Government Division</p>
5.15 pm	Adjournment