



THE SENATE

**LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Bill 2019 [Provisions] and Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2019 [Provisions]**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Friday 9 October 2020**

**Committee Room 2S3  
Parliament House , Canberra**

| <b>Time</b>     | <b>Witness</b>  |
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| 8.50 am         | <b>Law Council of Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 8</i> )<br>Ms Pauline Wright, President<br>Mr Paul Doolan, Chair<br><br><b>New South Wales Bar Association</b> ( <i>Submission 10</i> )<br>Mr Michael McHugh SC, Senior Vice-President<br>Mr Michael Kearney SC, Chair - Family Law Committee   |
| 9.30 am         | <b>Professor Patrick Parkinson</b> ( <i>Submission 4</i> )  |
| 10.00 am        | <b>Relationships Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 3</i> )<br>Dr Susan Cochrane, National Policy Manager<br>Mr Nick Tebbey, National Executive Officer  |
| 10.30 am        | <b>National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services</b> ( <i>Submission 13</i> )<br><br><b>Community Legal Centres Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 9</i> )<br>Mr Nassim Arrage, Chief Executive Officer  |
| <b>11.00 am</b> | <b>Morning Tea</b>  |
| 11.15 am        | <b>Australian Women Against Violence Alliance</b> ( <i>Submission 2</i> )<br>Ms Tina Dixson, Acting Program Manager<br><br><b>Women's Legal Services Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 12</i> )<br>Ms Angela Lynch, Chief Executive Officer<br>Ms Liz Snell, Spokesperson   |
| 11.55 am        | <b>Attorney General's Department</b> ( <i>Submission 18</i> )<br>Mr Iain Anderson, Deputy Secretary, Legal Services and Families Group<br>Mr Cameron Gifford, First Assistant Secretary, Families and Legal System Division<br>Dr Albin Smrdel, Assistant Secretary, Legal System Branch<br>Mr Ryan Perry, Principal Legal Officer, Legal System Branch |
| <b>12.40 pm</b> | <b>Adjournment</b>  |

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