



THE SENATE

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Purpose, intent and adequacy of the Disability Support Pension

**PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday 16 November 2021**

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

Time	Witness
1.30 pm	Lived Experience Panel Ricki Spencer, Lived Experience Mr Max Primmer, Lived Experience Ms Dini Liyanarachchi, Support and Advocacy Lead, Housing for Aged Action Group
2.15 pm	Public Interest Advocacy Centre (<i>Submission 88</i>) Mr Thomas Chailloux, Policy Officer Housing for the Aged Action Group Inc. (<i>Submission 66</i>) Ms Fiona York, Executive Officer Ms Dini Liyanarachchi, Advocacy Lead, Housing for the Aged Action Group
2.45 pm	Darwin Community Legal Service (<i>Submission 127</i>) Ms Judy Harrison, A/g Principal Solicitor Legal Aid NSW (<i>Submission 11</i>) Rachelle Johnston, Solicitor, NDIS and Social Security Team Queensland Advocacy Inc. (<i>Submission 76</i>) Ms Matilda Alexander, Chief Executive Officer Ms Sophie Wiggans, Systems Advocate
3.30 pm	Break
3.45 pm	Blind Citizens Australia (<i>Submission 22</i>) Ms Jane Britt, Policy and Advocacy Team Leader Ms Emma Bennison, Chief Executive Officer Spinal Cord Injuries Australia (<i>Submission 30</i>) Ms Megan Bingham, Policy and Advocacy Officer Ms Diana Pedersoli, Advocate Physical Disability Council of NSW (<i>Submission 7</i>) Ms Serena Ovens, Chief Executive Officer Ms Hayley Stone, Policy Manager

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4.30 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 Ms Tarja Saastamoinen, A/g Group Manager, Disability Employment and Carers Mr Andrew Seebach, Branch Manager Carer and Disability Payments</p> <p>Services Australia Mr Brendan Moon, General Manager Working Age Programmes Ms Catherine Stephenson, National Manager Programme Management and Assurance Branch</p>
5.30 pm	<i>Adjournment</i>