



THE SENATE

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**The national trend of school refusal and related matters**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Wednesday 22 February 2023**

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

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
9.00 am	<b>Independent Schools Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 29</i> ) Ms Tracey Taylor, Director, Education Policy Ms Carolyn Grantskalns, Chief Executive Officer Mr David Smart, Deputy Head (Senior Specialist Care)
9.40 am	<b>Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta</b> ( <i>Submission 2</i> ) Dr Gregory Elliot, Director Wellbeing
10.20 am	<b>Australian Council of State School Organisations Ltd</b> ( <i>Submission 1</i> ) Mrs Dianne Giblin, Chief Executive Officer Ms Veronica Elliott, Executive Officer
<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
11.10 am	<b>Missing School</b> ( <i>Submission 44</i> ) Ms Megan Gilmour, Cofounder and CEO
11.50 am	<b>Australian Parents Council</b> ( <i>Submission 40</i> ) Mrs Jennifer Rickard, CEO Ms Lynne Gaal, Australian Parents Council Representative
12.25 pm	<b>via Videoconference:</b> <b>Parents for Change</b> ( <i>Submission 61</i> ) Ms Melissa Gayler, Co-Leader Ms Mahalah O'Malley, Co-Leader
<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
1.30 pm	<b>Carers ACT</b> ( <i>Submission 26</i> ) Ms Kamla Brisbane, Manager Policy and Advocacy Ms Catherine Joseph, Mental Health Carers Policy Officer
2.05 pm	<b>via Videoconference:</b> <b>Black Dog Institute</b> ( <i>Submission 5</i> ) Professor Jennie Hudson, Deputy Director & Director of Research
2.40 pm	<b>Australian Association for the Education of the Gifted and Talented</b> ( <i>Submission 21</i> ) Mrs Melinda Gindy, President Mrs Elizabeth Singer, Vice-President

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3.15 pm	<b>Department of Education</b> Ms Julie Birmingham, A/g Deputy Secretary, Schools Group Ms Rachel O'Connor, Assistant Secretary, Student Engagement and Wellbeing Branch
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