



THE SENATE

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT REFERENCES COMMITTEE

The national trend of school refusal and related matters

**PUBLIC HEARING
Thursday 23 February 2023**

**Mantra Tullamarine Hotel
2 Trade Park Drive, Tullamarine, Melbourne**

Time	Witness
8.30 am	Melbourne Graduate School of Education Disability Research Collaboration (<i>Submission 15</i>) Associate Professor Lisa McKay-Brown, Chair Dr Matthew Harrison, Senior Lecturer
9.10 am	<i>Via teleconference:</i> The Therapy Place (<i>Submission 12</i>) Mrs Fiona Berry, Director Mrs Stephanie Hodge
9.50 am	Brotherhood of St Laurence (<i>Submission 57</i>) Ms Kira Clarke, Principal Research Fellow - Skills & Training Dr Jodie Long, Education Research Lead
10.30 am	<i>Break</i>
10.40 am	Yellow Ladybugs (<i>Submission 59</i>) Ms Katie Koullas, Chief Executive Officer
11.20 am	Home Education Network (<i>Submission 19</i>) Mrs Pavlina McMaster, Secretary Ms Heidi Ryan, Disability Advocate Mrs Kirsty James, Assistant Coordinator Ms Kamy Foster, Committee Member
12.00 pm	School Refusal Clinic (<i>Submission 17</i>) Mr John Chellew, Director
12.40 pm	<i>Break</i>
1.10 pm	School Can't (SPSR) Australia (<i>Submission 76</i>) Ms Tiffany Westphal, Coordinator Mrs Louise Rogers, Coordinator Dr Katrina Scurrah, Survey Team Member
1.50 pm	<i>Panel:</i> Professor Jim Watterston (<i>Submission 3</i>) Associate Professor Glenn Melvin (<i>Submission 34</i>)
2.30 pm	<i>Adjournment</i>

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