



THE SENATE

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Family Law Amendment Bill 2023 [Provisions]

PUBLIC HEARING
Friday 11 August 2023

Committee Room 2S3
Parliament House, Canberra

| Time | Witness |
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| 8.00 am | <p>Panel: Law Council of Australia (<i>Submission 62</i>) Mr Luke Murphy, President Ms Di Simpson, Chair, Family Law Section Mr Jason Walker, Deputy Chair, Family Law Section Mr Nathan MacDonald, Deputy Director of Policy</p> <p>Law Institute of Victoria (via videoconference) (<i>Submission 61</i>) Mr Stephen Taffe, Chair, Health Law Committee Mr Will Stidston, Deputy Chair, Family Law Section Ms Sarah Cooney, Lead, Family, Technology and Innovation Section</p> |
| 9.00 am | <p>Panel: Professor the Hon Richard Chisholm AM (<i>Submission 2</i>)</p> <p>Dr Patrick Parkinson AM (via videoconference) (<i>Submission 4</i>)</p> <p>Dr Georgina Dimopoulos, Senior Lecturer, Law and Research Associate, Centre for Children and Young People, Southern Cross University (Joint submission 19) (via videoconference) (<i>Submission 19</i>)</p> <p>Dr Michelle Fernando, Senior Lecturer, University of South Australia (<i>Submission 19</i>)</p> |
| 10.00 am | Morning tea |
| 10.10 am | <p>Panel: National Legal Aid (<i>Submission 57</i>) Ms Alexandra Colquhoun, Director Family Law, Legal Aid NSW Ms Julie Jackson, Director Early Intervention Services, Legal Aid WA</p> <p>Victoria Legal Aid (<i>Submission 26</i>) Ms Joanna Fletcher, Executive Director, Family, Youth and Children's Law Ms Bernadette Grandinetti, Program Manager, Family Law Services</p> |

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| 10.55 am | <p>Women's Legal Services Australia (<i>Submission 49</i>) Ms Lara Freidin, Executive Officer Ms Yvette Cehtel, Chief Executive Officer, Women's Legal Service Tasmania Ms Gabrielle Craig, Chair, Family Law and DFV Committee</p> <p>National Women's Safety Alliance (<i>Submission 14</i>) Ms Katherine Berney, Director Ms Angela Lynch, Member (via teleconference)</p> |
| 11.40 am | <p>Panel: SNAICC - National Voice for our Children (<i>Submission 46</i>) Ms Catherine Liddle, Chief Executive Officer Mr John Burton, Director, Social Policy and Research</p> <p>Youth Law Australia (via videoconference) (<i>Submission 48</i>) Ms Carolyn Jones, Principal Solicitor (Harm Practice) (via videoconference)</p> |
| 12.25 pm | Lunch |
| 12.55 pm | <p>Council of Single Mothers and their Children (<i>Submission 43</i>) Ms Andi Sebastian, Communication and Policy Coordinator Ms Charisse Hay Ms Michelle Baumann</p> <p>Single Mother Families Australia (<i>Submission 43</i>) Ms Terese Edwards, Chief Executive Officer</p> |
| 1.40 pm | <p>Family & Relationship Services Australia (<i>Submission 27</i>) Mrs Jacqueline Brady, Executive Director Dr Robyn Clough, Manager Policy and Research</p> |
| 2.10 pm | <p>Panel: Men's Rights Agency (via videoconference) (<i>Submission 52</i>) Mrs Sue Price, Director and Chief Executive Officer (via videoconference)</p> <p>Dads4Kids (<i>Submission 56</i>) Ms Sheneli Meneripitiyage Dona, Chairwoman Pastor James Dargin Mr Warwick Marsh, Founder and Chief Executive Officer Mr Nathaniel Marsh, Operations Manager</p> |
| 2.55 pm | Afternoon tea |
| 3.05 pm | <p>Attorney General's Department (<i>Submission 47</i>) Ms Alice Linacre, First Assistant Secretary, Courts, Tribunals and Commercial Division Mr Christopher Collett, First Assistant Secretary Mr Liam Demamiel, Assistant Secretary Ms Kathleen Denley, Assistant Secretary Ms Rebecca Mills, Assistant Secretary Ms Samantha Byng, Assistant Secretary</p> |
| 4.05 pm | Adjournment |