



THE SENATE

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Family Law Amendment Bill 2024

PUBLIC HEARING
Friday 18 October 2024

Committee Room 2S1, Parliament House
Canberra

Time	Witness
9.00 am	<p>Panel: Fitzroy Legal Service (<i>Submission 14</i>) Mr Hamish McLachlan, Chief Executive Officer Ms Amity Mara, Manager of Policy, Advocacy and Projects</p> <p>National Legal Aid (via videoconference) (<i>Submission 20</i>) Ms Katherine McKernan, Executive Director</p> <p>Women's Legal Services Australia (WLSA) (via videoconference) (<i>Submission 27</i>) Mrs Meaghan Bradshaw, Chair, Family Law and Domestic and Family Violence Committee</p> <p>Caxton Legal Centre (via videoconference) Ms Colette Bots, Practice Director - Family, Domestic Violence and Elder Law Practice Ms Daniella Pratt, Managing Senior Lawyer</p> <p>First Nations Advocates Against Family Violence (FNAAFV) Mrs Kerry Staines, Chief Executive Officer</p>
10.00 am	<p>Panel: National Women's Safety Alliance (<i>Submission 2</i>) Katherine Berney, Executive Director Angela Lynch, Chair, Sexual Violence Working Group (via videoconference)</p> <p>Lucy's Project Ltd (via videoconference) (<i>Submission 8</i>) Ms Monique Dam, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>Council of Single Mothers and their Children (via videoconference) Ms Andi Sebastian, Communication and Policy Coordinator</p>
11.00 am	Morning tea
11.15 am	<p>Panel: Professor Belinda Fehlberg (via videoconference) (<i>Submission 22</i>)</p> <p>Associate Professor Miranda Kaye (via videoconference) (<i>Submission 23</i>)</p>
12.15 pm	Lunch

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1.00 pm	<i>Panel:</i> Relationships Australia (<i>Submission 5</i>) Mr Nick Tebbey, National Executive Officer Dr Susan Cochrane, National Policy Manager Family & Relationship Services Australia (FRSA) (<i>Submission 13</i>) Dr Robyn Clough, Manager, Policy and Research
1.45 pm	Australian Institute of Family Studies (via videoconference) (<i>Submission 21</i>) Dr Rachel Carson, Executive Manager Ms Kira Duggan, Research Director - Systems and Services
2.15 pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
2.30 pm	Law Council of Australia (<i>Submission 25</i>) Ms Di Simpson, Chair, Family Law Section Ms Natalie Cooper, Senior Policy Lawyer
3.30 pm	Attorney-General's Department (<i>Submission 19</i>) Mr Chris Collett, First Assistant Secretary, Children and Families Division Ms Rebecca Mills, A/g Assistant Secretary, Family Law Branch
4.30 pm	<i>Adjournment</i>