



THE SENATE

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Whistleblower Protection Authority Bill 2025

PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday 13 August 2025

Committee Room 2S1
Canberra

Time	Witness
8.30 am	Panel: Ms Sharon Kelsey Ms Jeannie-Marie Blake Mr Dennis Gentilin (via videoconference)
9.15 am	Panel: Transparency International Australia (via videoconference) Mr Clancy Moore, CEO Griffith University (via videoconference) Dr A J Brown, Professor of Public Policy & Law / Chair Ms Jane Olsen, PhD Candidate Human Rights Law Centre Mr Kieran Pender, Associate Legal Director Ms Madeleine Howle, Lawyer
10.00 am	Panel: Community and Public Sector Union (via videoconference) Ms Rebecca Fawcett, Deputy Secretary The Australia Institute Mr William Browne, Director, Democracy & Accountability Program Ms Skye Predavec, Anne Kantor Fellow Alliance for Journalists' Freedom (via videoconference) Professor Peter Greste, Executive Director Whistleblower Justice Fund (via videoconference) Mr Rex Patrick, Director
10.45 am	Panel: Australian Human Rights Commission Dr Lorraine Finlay, Human Rights Commissioner Mr Graeme Edgerton, Deputy Legal Counsel
11.15 am	Morning Tea

11.30 am	<p>Panel:</p> <p>Clayton Utz (via videoconference) Ms Amanda Lyras, Partner</p> <p>Thrive Integrity Ms Lauren Witherdin, Principal</p>
12.00 pm	<p>Panel:</p> <p>Commonwealth Ombudsman Ms Iain Anderson, Commonwealth Ombudsman Ms Carmen Miragaya, Director, Public Interest Disclosure</p> <p>NSW Ombudsman (via videoconference) Mr Chris Clayton, Senior Deputy Ombudsman, Systems Oversight & Reviews Mr Chris Banks, Manager Whistleblower Support</p> <p>National Anti-Corruption Commission Mr Philip Reed, CEO Ms Rebekah O'Meagher, General Manager Lead</p> <p>Australian Securities and Investments Commission (via videoconference) Mr Chris Savundra, Executive Director, Enforcement and Compliance Mr Greg Hackett, Senior Manager – Companies, Registered Liquidators & Small Business</p>
12.45 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm	<p>Panel:</p> <p>Attorney-General's Department Ms Erin Emerson, Director, Transparency Frameworks Branch Ms Susan McKeag, Assistant Secretary, Transparency Frameworks Branch</p> <p>The Treasury Mr Barton Hoyle, Director – Legal Policy Unit Ms Anne Robertson, Acting Director – Whistleblowing Review Unit Ms Deepti Paton, Acting Assistant Secretary – Corporations Branch</p>
2.30 pm	Adjournment