



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

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