



THE SENATE

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**National Volunteer Incentive Scheme (Climate Army)**

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Monday 29 September 2025**

**Fraser Suites**  
**Kent Room 1 & 2, 488 Kent Street, Sydney**

Time	Witness
9.00 am	<b>Disaster Relief Australia - submission 18</b> Mr David Smith  <b>Centre of Excellence: Young People &amp; Disasters - submission 26</b> Victoria University Associate Professor Fiona McDonald Youth Affairs Council Victoria Mr Derm Ryan Youth Advisory Group Member Mr Edward Browne
9.45 am	<b>Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council - submission 14</b> SA Country Fire Service Mr Brett Loughlin, Chief Officer Mr Rob Webb, Chief Executive Officer
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>
10.45 am	<b>The Learnt Group - submission 8</b> Mr Gerard Manion, Chief Executive Officer  <b>Blue Shield Australia - submission 25</b> Professor Mathew Trinca AM FAHA
11.30 am	<b>Australia ICOMOS - submission 27</b> Ms Pamela Hubert, Conservation Manager Ms Catherine Forbes, Convenor of Australia ICOMOS and ICOMOS New Zealand and Joint Scientific Committee on Risk Preparedness  <b>Australian Red Cross (Submission 1)</b> Mr Joel McKay, Head of External Engagement (Interim) Ms Katherine Paroz, Chief People & Culture Officer
12.15 pm	<b>Volunteering Australia - submission 23</b> Mr Mark Pearce, Chief Executive Officer  <b>The Centre for Volunteering - Submission 20</b> Dr Benjamin Hillier, Director Policy, Advocacy, and Research
<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>

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1.45 pm	<b>Sydney Environment Institute - Submission 16</b> Professor Danielle Celermajer, Deputy Director Dr Scott Webster, Postdoctoral Researcher  <b>Australian Institute of International Affairs - submission 55</b> Mr Bryce Wakefield
2.30 pm	<b>The Climate Centre - submission 43</b> Mr Benjamin Goodsell, Director  <b>Crisis Cleanup Australia - submission 47</b> Mr Mark Tregellas, Founder  <b>BlazeAid Australia - submission 46</b> Ms Melissa Jones, Chief Executive Officer
3.15 pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
3.30 pm	<b>National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) - submission 13</b> Mr Brendan Moon, Coordinator General Mr Joe Buffine, Deputy Coordinator-General, Emergency Management and Response Group  <b>Department of Home Affairs</b> Mr Phillip Kimpton, First Assistant Secretary, Resilience, and Protective Security  <b>Department of Defence - submission 9</b> RADM Jonathan Earley, Head of Military Strategic Commitments  <b>Australian Local Government Association - submission 36</b> Mayor Matt Burnett, President Ms Amy Crawford, Chief Executive Officer
4.15 pm	<i>Adjournment</i>