



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

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