



THE SENATE

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Freedom of Information Amendment Bill 2025

PUBLIC HEARING
Friday 17 October 2025

Parliament House
Committee Room 2S1, Canberra

Time	Witness
11.00 am	Panel: Transparency International Australia (<i>Submission 25</i>) Ms Hansika Bhagani, Advocacy and Communications Manager The Australia Institute (<i>Submission 49</i>) Mr Bill Browne, Director, Democracy & Accountability Program Ms Skye Predavec, Researcher
11.30 am	Panel: Department of Home Affairs (<i>Submission 58</i>) Mr Peter Anstee, First Assistant Secretary Counter Foreign Interference, Cyber and Technology Ms Brooke Hartigan, Deputy Secretary, Legal Group Ms Carmen Saunders, Assistant Secretary, Privacy, FOI and Records Management Services Australia (<i>Submission 33</i>) Ms Jodie Robinson, General Manager, Community Engagement and Servicing Redesign Project Division Mr Robert Higgins, General Manager, Payment Assurance Program and Appeals Division
12.15 pm	Panel: Australian Council of Social Service (<i>Submission 11</i>) Ms Charmaine Crowe, Program Director - Social Security Australian Conservation Foundation (<i>Submission 29</i>) Ms Annica Shoo, Lead Environment Investigator Mr Matthew Clare, Solicitor Ms Emily Mitchell (<i>Submission 31</i>)
1.00 pm	Lunch

1.30 pm	Panel: Australian Public Service Commission (<i>Submission 23</i>) Dr Rachel Bacon, Acting Australian Public Service Commissioner Ms Melanie McIntyre, General Counsel, General Counsel and Integrity Operations Branch Community and Public Sector Union (<i>Submission 9</i>) Ms Rebecca Fawcett, Deputy Secretary Mr Osmond Chiu, Senior Policy and Research Officer
2.15 pm	Panel: Australian Press Council (<i>Submission 12</i>) Ms Yvette Lamont, CEO and Executive Director Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance (<i>Submission 34</i>) Mr Adam Portelli, Deputy Chief Executive Mr Ben Butler, MEAA Media Member, Journalist Mr Royce Karmelovs, MEAA Media Member, Journalist Alliance for Journalists' Freedom and Dr Danielle Moon (<i>Submission 47</i>) Professor Peter Greste, Executive Director Dr Danielle Moon, Lecturer, Macquarie Law School
3.00 pm	Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (<i>Submission 50</i>) Ms Alice Linacre PSM, Freedom of Information Commissioner Ms Elizabeth Tydd, Australian Information Commissioner
3.45 pm	Attorney-General's Department (<i>Submission 46</i>) Ms Jane McClintock, Director, Information Law Branch, Identity and Information Division Ms Celeste Moran, First Assistant Secretary, Identity and Information Division Ms Dianne Orr, Assistant Secretary, Information Law Branch
4.30 pm	Centre for Public Integrity (<i>Submission 2</i>) Dr Catherine Williams, Executive Director Professor Gabrielle Appleby, Head of Research
5.00 pm	Adjournment