



THE SENATE

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Health Legislation Amendment (Improving Choice and Transparency for Private Health Consumers) Bill 2026

**PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday 7 April 2026**

**Committee Room 2S1
Parliament House, Canberra**

Time	Witness
2.00 pm	<p>Private Healthcare Australia (<i>Submission 10</i>) Private Healthcare Australia (<i>Submission 10</i>) Mr Ben Harris, Director Policy and Research Dr Rachel David, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>Council of Procedural Specialists (<i>Submission 3</i>) Council of Procedural Specialists (<i>Submission 3</i>) Mr Stephen Milgate, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>Avant Mutual Group Ltd (<i>Submission 19</i>) Avant Mutual Group Ltd (<i>Submission 19</i>) Professor Steve Robson, Chief Medical Officer Ms Georgina Haysom, General Manager, Advocacy, Education and Research</p> <p>Council of Presidents of Medical Colleges (<i>Submission 20</i>) Council of Presidents of Medical Colleges (<i>Submission 20</i>) Associate Professor Sanjay Jeganathan, Immediate Past President Ms Jodie Long, Chief Executive Officer</p>

3.00 pm	<p>Members Health Fund Alliance (<i>Submission 13</i>) Members Health Fund Alliance (<i>Submission 13</i>) Mr Brenton Baldwin, Head of Policy and Research Members Fund Health Alliance (<i>Submission 13</i>) Mr Matthew Koce, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>Consumers Health Forum of Australia (<i>Submission 2</i>) Consumers Health Forum of Australia (<i>Submission 2</i>) Ms Josephine Root, Executive Director Policy and Research Dr Elizabeth Deveny, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>HCF (<i>Submission 8</i>) HCF (<i>Submission 8</i>) Ms Lorraine Thomas, CEO and MD Ms Julie Andrews, Chief Officer - Member Health</p> <p>Choice (<i>Submission 12</i>) Choice (<i>Submission 12</i>) Mr Morgan Campbell, Head of Policy and Government Relations Mr Mark Blades, Data Analyst</p>
4.00 pm	<p>Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (<i>Submission 30</i>) Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (<i>Submission 30</i>) Mr Ross Hawkins, First Assistant Secretary, Portfolio Strategy Division Mr Paul McBride, Assistant Secretary, Private Health Strategy Branch, Portfolio Strategy Division</p>
5.00 pm	<i>Adjournment</i>