



JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON AUSTRALIA'S FAMILY LAW SYSTEM

MEDIA RELEASE

The Joint Select Committee on Australia's Family Law System is calling for submissions to its inquiry.

The Committee has met today and elected the Hon. Kevin Andrews MP as Chair and Senator Pauline Hanson as Deputy Chair of the Committee. A full list of the Committee's membership can be accessed [here](#).

The Committee is seeking written submissions and requests that individuals wishing to make a submission use the [template](#) provided on the Committee's website. If you would like to make a submission, please read:

- [information on the website about the inquiry, including the submission process](#); and
- the [guide](#) to making a submission available on the Parliament of Australia website.

The submission closing date is **Wednesday, 18 December 2019**.

The Committee intends to hold hearings in capital cities and regional areas across Australia in 2020. The Committee will publish information about hearings on its website in early 2020. The Committee is committed to putting in place safeguards to protect witnesses, particularly those who have experienced family violence or trauma to ensure no further harm is caused to vulnerable people.

The Committee is due to table its final report on 7 October 2020.

Interested members of the public may wish to track the committee via the [website](#). Click on the blue 'Track Committee' button on the right hand side and use the forms to login to My Parliament or to register for a My Parliament account.

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- **Relationships Australia on 1300 364 277**
- **Family Relationships Online on 1800 050 321**
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