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National Redress Scheme inquiry seeks submissions

The Joint Standing Committee on Implementation of the National Redress Scheme is currently inquiring into the operation of the scheme.

The inquiry will look closely into a range of areas, including:

- The experience of First Nations applicants and applicants with disability in their dealings with the Scheme.
- Accessibility, performance and effectiveness of support services and legal advice for survivors and their advocates.

Submissions from interested individuals and organisations on the inquiry's terms of reference are encouraged by Monday 27 February 2023.

The Committee wants to hear from individuals and organisations on their experience with the scheme. Submissions can respond to some or all aspects of the inquiry terms of reference.

Full details of what the inquiry will examine can be found in the [terms of reference](#) on the Committee's website. An [easy English guide](#) is also available.

Chair of the Committee, Senator Catryna Bilyk said that it is imperative that the Committee hears first-hand the experiences people have had when accessing the scheme.

"There are low rates of access in parts of our community amongst people who are eligible to access the Scheme," Senator Bilyk said. "We need to understand what the barriers to access are to ensure that everyone who is eligible to seek redress does so".

Further information about the Committee is available at <https://www.aph.gov.au/redress>.

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