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Inquiry into the extent and nature of poverty in Australia **Call for submissions**

Issue date: 4 October 2022

The Senate Community Affairs References Committee is conducting an [inquiry](#) into the extent and nature of poverty in Australia.

Call for submissions

The committee is seeking submissions from a wide range of people and organisations, including individuals and communities with lived experience of poverty.

Submissions are sought by 3 February 2023.

Submissions can be lodged [online](#), emailed to the secretariat at community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au, or mailed to PO Box 6100, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600.

You can read more about how to make a submission [here](#) and look at this [plain English guide](#).

If you require special arrangements to enable you to make a submission to the inquiry, or if you have questions, or need more time to write your submission, please contact the Community Affairs secretariat.

Further information

Submissions become committee documents and are made public only after a decision by the committee. Publication of submissions includes loading them onto the internet and making them available to other interested parties, including the media. Published submissions continue to be publicly accessible on the internet long after the inquiry has ended.

You may request that your submission remains confidential, or that your name is not published with your submission.

Contact the secretariat for more information or if you have any questions.

Terms of reference of the inquiry

The extent and nature of poverty in Australia with particular reference to:

- a) the rates and drivers of poverty in Australia;

DATE REFERRED

7 September 2022

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE

3 February 2023

REPORTING DATE

31 October 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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- b) the relationship between economic conditions (including fiscal policy, rising inflation and cost of living pressures) and poverty;
- c) the impact of poverty on individuals in relation to:
 - (i) employment outcomes,
 - (ii) housing security,
 - (iii) health outcomes, and
 - (iv) education outcomes;
 - (v) the impacts of poverty amongst different demographics and communities;
- d) the relationship between income support payments and poverty;
- e) mechanisms to address and reduce poverty; and
- f) any related matters.