



## PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

### MEDIA RELEASE

#### Senate Select Committee on Work and Care

### Submission deadline extended

Issue date: 12 September 2022

The Senate [Select Committee on Work and Care](#) has extended the deadline for submissions to its inquiry to **22 September 2022**, to encourage organisations across all sectors as well as individuals with a lived experience of balancing work and caring responsibilities to provide evidence.

The recent National Jobs and Skills Summit highlighted the need for fair and productive workplaces, with adequate pay, job security and proper support for those with work and care responsibilities. The Select Committee Chair, Senator Barbara Pocock emphasised the importance of building on the ideas for reform that emerged from the Summit including reducing barriers to carer-friendly workplaces. She also noted that it was important to the committee that it hear from people from all sectors who have work and care responsibilities to gain their insights and views on reform.

“The Jobs and Skills Summit was important for bringing much-needed attention to these issues. The committee looks forward to receiving submissions which advocate for real-world, actionable solutions to ensure better outcomes for those with work and care responsibilities,” she said.

#### Lived experience of worker-carers

The Committee Deputy Chair, Senator Deborah O’Neill also noted that the outcomes of the Summit, including the new body, Jobs and Skills Australia, would inform the inquiry. She said: “The committee will draw on the momentum for change generated by the Summit and explore in depth the issues being faced by people across Australia in a variety of jobs and with different caring responsibilities. In short, we want to understand the lived experience of worker-carers.”

Written submissions can be lodged online or emailed to the secretariat at [workandcare.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:workandcare.sen@aph.gov.au). The committee can consider receiving evidence, including submissions, in various ways. If you require any assistance providing evidence to the committee, please [contact the committee secretariat](#) to discuss your options.

The committee thanks all those who have already provided submissions for their valuable contributions.

#### Further information for submitters

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. You may request that your submission remains confidential or that your name is not published with your submission. If you would like to make a submission you may find it helpful to read the guide to making a submission available on the Senate website: [Preparing a submission to an inquiry](#).

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#### DATE ESTABLISHED

3 August 2022

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#### SUBMISSIONS CLOSE

22 September 2022

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#### REPORTING DATE

Interim report: 18 October 2022

Final report: February 2023

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#### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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