



THE SENATE

**LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Friday, 23 February 2018**

**Stamford Plaza, 111 Little Collins Street, Melbourne**

**Inquiry into the Family Law Amendment (Parenting Management Hearings) Bill 2017  
and the Family Law Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill 2017**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Victorian Legal Aid</b> ( <i>Submission 11 Family Violence</i> ) Gayathri Paramasivam, Associate Director, Family Law Ms Amy Schwebel, Strategy Manager, Family Youth and Children's Law
<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Women's Legal Services Australia</b> ( <i>partially via teleconference</i> ) ( <i>Submission 17 Parenting Management; Submission 15 Family Violence</i> ) Ms Liz Snell, Convenor Ms Helen Matthews, Principal Lawyer/Director Legal & Policy – Women's Legal Service Victoria
<b>10.15 am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>
<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Eastern Domestic Violence Service (EDVOS)</b> ( <i>Submission 11 Parenting Management</i> ) Ms Paula Piccinini, General Manager, Direct Services
<b>11.30 am</b>	<b>safe steps Family Violence Response Centre</b> ( <i>Submission 18 Parenting Management; Submission 12 Family Violence</i> ) Ms Annette Gillespie, Chief Executive Officer Ms Meghan Hopper, Chief Policy Officer
<b>12.15 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1.15 pm</b>	<b>Victoria Family Law Bar Association</b> ( <i>Submission 23 Parenting Management</i> ) Mr Geoffrey Dickson QC, Chair, Family Law Bar Association  <b>Law Council of Australia via teleconference</b> ( <i>Submission 20 Parenting Management; Submission 13 Family Violence</i> ) Mr Morry Bailes, President Ms Wendy Kayler-Thomson, Chair, Family Law Section

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<b>2.00 pm</b>	<b>Relationships Australia Victoria</b> ( <i>Submission 6 Parenting Management</i> ) Dr Andrew Bickerdike, Chief Executive Officer
<b>2.30 pm</b>	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
<b>2.45 pm</b>	<b>Tasmania Police via teleconference</b> ( <i>Submission 16 Family Violence</i> ) Senior Sergeant Luke Manhood, Legislation Development & Review Services
<b>3.15 pm</b>	<b>Attorney-General's Department</b> ( <i>Submission 26 Parenting Management</i> ) Mr Cameron Gifford, First Assistant Secretary Ms Ashleigh Saint, Assistant Secretary Ms Dianne Orr, Principle Legal Officer
<b>4.15 pm</b>	<i>Adjournment</i>