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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE AUSTRALIA EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

**Inquiry into Workforce Australia Employment Services**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Wednesday 17 May 2023**

**Committee Room 1R3  
Parliament House, Canberra, and by videoconference**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
8.45 am	<p><b>Panel - policy and advocacy:</b> <b>Australian Council of Social Services</b> (<i>Submission 203</i>) Dr Cassandra Goldie, Chief Executive Officer Dr Simone Casey, Senior Advisor - Employment</p> <p><b>Economic Justice Australia</b> (<i>Submission 153</i>) Ms Sarah Sacher, Law Reform Officer Ms Catherine Eagle, Principal Solicitor - Welfare Rights and Advocacy Service</p>
<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
10.15 am	<p><b>National Indigenous Australian Agency</b> (<i>Submission 176</i>) Ms Julie-Ann Guivarra, Deputy Chief Executive Officer - Policy and Programs Mr Carl Binnings, Group Manager - Economic Empowerment Ms Kate Phipps, Branch Manager - Remote Employment Policy Mr Michael Blanchard, Branch Manager - Employment Mr Ben O'Sullivan, A/g Branch Manager - Community Development Program</p> <p><b>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</b> Ms Benedikte Jensen, First Assistant Secretary - Employment Policy and Analytics Ms Edwina Spanos, A/g First Assistant Secretary - Workforce Australia Provider Support</p>
11.00 am	<p><b>Coalition of Peaks</b> Mrs Muriel Bamblett, Committee Member</p>
11.30 am	<p><b>Settlement Council of Australia</b> (<i>Submission 211</i>) Ms Sandra Elhelw Wright, Chief Executive Officer</p>
<b>12.00 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
12.45 pm	<p><b>Panel: social ventures and social enterprise:</b> <b>Social Ventures Australia</b> (<i>Submission 232</i>) Ms Lisa Fowkes, Director - Programs (Employment) Mr Patrick Flynn, Director - Public Affairs</p> <p><b>Social Enterprise Australia</b> Ms Jess Moore, Chief Executive Officer</p>

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1.45 pm	<b>Justice Reform Initiative</b> ( <i>Submission 178</i> ) Dr Mindy Sotiri, Executive Director Mr Robert Tickner, Chair
2.30 pm	<b>Western Australian Association for Mental Health</b> ( <i>Submission 248</i> ) Ms Taryn Harvey, Chief Executive Officer Mrs Cassandra MacDonald, Sector Development Manager Mr Colin Penter, Policy and Programs Officer
<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b><i>Adjournment</i></b>