

List of stakeholders consulted by the Welfare Review Reference Group

Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Australian Council of Social Services
Australian Federation of Disability Organisations
Mr Bruce Bonhady AM, Chair of the National Disability Insurance Agency Board
Mr John Brogden AM, Chief Executive Officer, Financial Services Council
Business Council of Australia
Catholic Social Services Australia
Centre for Independent Studies
Community Housing Federation of Australia
Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University
Disability Employment Australia
Mr Andrew Forrest, Chairman of the Indigenous Jobs and Training Review
Dr Sam Harvey, Senior Lecturer in Workplace Mental Health in the School of Psychiatry,
University of New South Wales
Homelessness Australia
Institute of Public Affairs
Jobs Australia
Professor Pat McGorry, Executive Director, Orygen Youth Health
Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research
Mental Health Council of Australia
Mission Australia
National Council of Single Mothers and their Children
National Disability Services
People with a Disability Australia
Property Council of Australia
Salvation Army
Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales
The Benevolent Society
The Brotherhood of St Laurence
Unitingcare Australia
Westpac Banking Group

The above list is current as at 27 February 2014.

Guiding Principles, Overarching Theme and Pillars of Reform for the Welfare Review

The Reference Group chaired by Mr Patrick McClure AO was appointed and asked to provide advice to the Minister on ensuring Australia's welfare system is sustainable, effective and coherent, and encourages people to work.

Guiding principles for the Welfare Review

To assist the Reference Group in undertaking its work, a set of guiding principles for the optimal architecture for a social welfare system were developed with the aim of ensuring that Australia's welfare system:

- provides incentives to work for those who are able to work;
- adequately supports those who are genuinely not able to work;
- supports social and economic participation through measures that build individual and family capability;
- is affordable and sustainable both now and in the future and across economic cycles;
- is easy to access and understand, and able to be delivered efficiently and effectively.

Overarching theme of the Welfare Review

The overarching theme of the Review established through the work of the Reference Group is maximising participation for wellbeing and better life outcomes, with the ultimate goal of the welfare system being to support people to participate to the extent that they are capable.

Pillars of reform for the Welfare Review

Based on the guiding principles and overarching theme for the Review, the Reference Group is framing its advice within four pillars of reform it has identified:

- 1) Building individual and family capability
- 2) Engaging with business
- 3) Building community capacity
- 4) A simpler and sustainable income support system