



THE SENATE

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS REFERENCES COMMITTEE

27 April 2021

Inquiry into Press Freedom

Progress report

On 23 July 2019, the Senate referred an inquiry into press freedom to the Environment and Communications References Committee for report by 4 December 2019.

On 14 October 2019 the Senate granted an extension of time to report to 16 March 2020.

On 16 March 2020, the Committee presented a progress report recommending that the Senate grant an extension of time to report until 20 May 2020.

On 26 March 2020 the reporting date was extended from 20 May 2020 to the second sitting Wednesday of 2021.

On 9 February 2021, the reporting date was again extended from 17 February 2021 to 4 March 2021.

On 26 February 2021, the Committee presented a progress report recommending that the Senate grant an extension of time to report until 28 April 2021.

The committee requests an extension of time to report until 19 May 2021 to allow it to consider the evidence received and to conclude its deliberations.

Yours sincerely

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Chair