



THE SENATE

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

30 June 2022

Constitution Alteration (Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Press) 2019

On 17 June 2021, the Senate referred the Constitution Alteration (Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Press) 2019 (the bill) to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 31 December 2021.

On 22 November 2021, the committee's reporting date was extended to 31 March 2022. On 29 March 2022, the committee's reporting date was extended for a second time to 30 June 2022.

The committee received 30 submissions and did not conduct any hearings. The committee acknowledges the issues raised in submissions and thanks submitters for their contributions to the inquiry. The committee does not consider re-referral of the bill necessary in the 47th Parliament, in the event that it is re-introduced in the Senate.

Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson
Chair

Appendix 1

Submissions

- 1 Australian Human Rights Commission
- 2 Alliance for Journalists' Freedom
- 3 NSW Council for Civil Liberties
- 4 The Australian National University Law Reform Social Justice Research Hub
- 5 Arts Law Centre of Australia
- 6 Dr Rebecca Ananian-Welsh
- 7 Christian Schools Australia
- 8 Prof. Patrick Parkinson
- 9 Dr Alex Deagon
- 10 Dr William Stoltz
- 11 Journalism Education and Research Association of Australia
- 12 Dr Russell Blackford
- 13 Mr Benjamin Cronshaw
- 14 Mr Jarrad Pavy
- 15 Prof George Williams
- 16 Maurice Blackburn
- 17 Rationalist Society of Australia
- 18 Human Rights Law Centre
- 19 Mr Paul Nolan
- 20 Electronic Frontiers Australia
- 21 Australian Press Council
- 22 Dr Bruce Baer Arnold
- 23 Mr John Pyke
- 24 Baragalia Aboriginal Elders Group
- 25 The Australia Institute
- 26 NSW Young Lawyers
- 27 Josephite Justice Network
- 28 Mr Rodney Crisp
 - Attachment 1
- 29 Mr Robert Heron
- 30 Australian Federal Police