



THE SENATE

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Out of home care

**PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday 18 February 2015**

**Room P1, Level 5
The Portside Centre, Sydney**

Time	Witness
8.30 am	Ms Megan Mitchell, National Children's Commissioner
9.15 am	Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre (<i>Submission 63</i>) Ms Kerry Wright, Coordinator Ms Meredith McLaine, Solicitor Family Inclusion Strategies Hunter (<i>Submission 32</i>) Ms Jessica Cocks, Convenor Ms Teegan Bain, Committee Member (via teleconference) Ms Felicity Kime, Committee Member
10.15 am	Morning tea
10.30 am	Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat (<i>Submission 97</i>) Ms Dana Clarke, Chairperson Ms Wendy Hermeston, Advisor Indigenous Issues Committee of the Law Society of NSW (<i>Submission 73</i>) Dr Virginia Marshall, Committee Member and Acting Chair Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning Research Unit, University of Technology Sydney (<i>Submission 79</i>) Mr Paddy Gibson, Senior Researcher Winangay Resources Inc (<i>Submission 62</i>) Aunty Suzanne Blacklock, Chairperson Mrs Gillian Bonser, Board Member, Co-founder and Developer Ms Paula Hayden, Public Officer Grandmothers Against Removals NSW (<i>Submission 64</i>) Ms Debra Swan Ms Suellyn Tighe
12.00 pm	Intellectual Disability Rights Service (<i>Submission 21</i>) Ms Marissa Sandler, Solicitor People with Disability Australia Inc (<i>Submission 74</i>) Ms Ngila Bevan, Human Rights Advisor Dr Sue Barnes, Manager Individual and Group Advocacy NSW

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12.45 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm	Yfoundations (<i>Submission 85</i>) Ms Jess Fielding, Policy Officer UnitingCare Children, Young People and Families Ms Angela Adams, Practice Manager Out-of-Home Care Ms Toni Beauchamp, Principal Policy Officer
2.15 pm	Association of Children's Welfare Agencies NSW (<i>Submission 94</i>) Mr Andrew McCallum AM, Chief Executive Officer Barnardos Australia (<i>Submission 20</i>) Mrs Louise Voigt, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Welfare The Benevolent Society (<i>Submission 30</i>) Mr Matt Gardiner, Executive Director, Community Services Mrs Marie Wheatley, Director Out of Home Care Life Without Barriers (<i>Submission 68</i>) Ms Mary McKinnon, National Director of Practice and Quality Settlement Services International (<i>Submission 55</i>) Mr Joseph Ferrer, Manager, Business and Community Development Mr Thanh Nguyen, Manager, Early Intervention and Capacity Building
3.45 pm	Afternoon tea
4.00 pm	NSW Department of Family and Community Services Ms Maree Walk, Deputy Secretary, Programs and Service Design Dr Sandra Heriot, Acting Executive Director, Child Safety and Permanency
5.00 pm	Adjournment