



THE SENATE

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Out of home care

**PUBLIC HEARING
Friday 20 March 2015**

**Seminar Room 2 & 3
Monash Conference Centre, Melbourne**

Time	Witness
9.30 am	Australian Institute of Family Studies (<i>Submission 41</i>) Dr Daryl Higgins, Deputy Director, Research
10.00 am	Mirabel Foundation (<i>Submission 36</i>) Ms Elizabeth McCrea, Advocacy and Family Support Ms Ruth Chattey, Family Support Coordinator International Social Service Australia (<i>Submission 49</i>) Ms Helen Freris, National Services Manager Baptcare (<i>Submission 50</i>) Ms Marita Scott, General Manager Family and Community Services Ms Hayley Robinette, Operations Manager Berry Street (<i>Submission 92</i>) Mr Julian Pocock, Director, Public Policy Ms Anita Pell, Senior Adviser, Home Based Care MacKillop Family Services (<i>Submission 70</i>) Mr David Fox, Director of Operations Dr Nicholas Halfpenny, Director of Policy and Quality Wesley Mission Victoria Ms Kelly Stanton, General Manager Services Mr Jerry Ham, Senior Manager, Children Youth and Families
11.00 am	Morning Tea
11.10 am	Associate Professor Philip Mendes, Department of Social Work, Monash University (<i>Submission 6</i>) National Disability Services (<i>Submission 54</i>) Ms Philippa Angley, Executive Officer to the Chief Executive Ms Tessa Thompson, National Policy Manager

11.55 am	<p>Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare (<i>Submission 99</i>) Ms Deb Tsorbaris, Chief Executive Officer Ms Marilyn Webster, Director Social Policy and Research Mr Dylan Lozanoski-Bennett Ms Kate Finn Ms India Spicer Ms Sarah Isip Ms Jesse Elis Ms Samantha Warner Mr Frank Clinton, Support Worker</p> <p>Foster Care Association of Victoria (<i>Submission 11</i>) Ms Katie Hooper, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>University of Melbourne Department of Social Work, Child, Youth and Families Research Cluster (<i>Submission 66</i>) Ms Meredith Kiraly, Research Fellow</p>
12.40 pm	<p>Lunch</p>
1.20 pm	<p>Access and Achievement Research Unit, La Trobe University (<i>Submission 83</i>) Dr Andrew Harvey, Director</p> <p>Melbourne City Mission (<i>Submission 76</i>) Ms Deborah Fewster, Head of Policy and Government Relations Ms Sonia Chudiak, Senior Manager Homelessness and Accommodation Services</p> <p>Anglicare Victoria (<i>Submission 101</i>) Mr Paul McDonald, Chief Executive Officer</p>
2.05 pm	<p>Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (<i>Submission 93</i>) Mr Frank Hytten, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency Co-Op Ltd Mrs Connie Salamone, Executive Director, Strategy and Services</p> <p>Commission for Children and Young People Victoria Ms Janette Kennedy, Manager Aboriginal Strategy and Policy Ms Debbie Pratt, Senior Child Protection Advisor (Aboriginal Unit)</p> <p>Connecting Home Ltd Mr John Dommett, Chief Executive Officer, Connecting Home Ltd, and Co-Chair non Aboriginal, National Stolen Generations Alliance</p>
2.50 pm	<p>Institute of Child Protection Studies, Australian Catholic University, The University of Melbourne (<i>Submission 39</i>) Professor Cathy Humphreys, Professor of Social Work Dr Margaret Kertesz, Research Fellow, School of Social Work</p> <p>Connections UnitingCare (<i>Submission 10</i>) Ms Lisa Milani, Acting Assistant Regional Manager</p> <p>OzChild (<i>Submission 19</i>) Dr Gaye Mitchell, Research and Practice Enhancement Manager</p> <p>Family Inclusion Network Victoria Inc (<i>Submission 75</i>) Mrs Denise Smith, Secretary and Treasurer</p>

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3.35 pm	Commission for Children and Young People Victoria (<i>Submission 45</i>) Mr Bernie Geary OAM, Principal Commissioner
4.15 pm	Department of Health and Human Services, Tasmanian Government (via teleconference) (<i>Submission 1</i>) Mr Tony Kemp, Deputy Secretary Children Mr Jeremy Harbottle, A/Director, Strategy, Program Development and Evaluation
5.00 pm	<i>Adjournment</i>