



THE SENATE

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**Social Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2015**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Thursday 21 May 2015**

**Room 2S3  
Parliament House, Canberra**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
9.00 am	<b>Mental Health Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 4</i> ) Mr Josh Fear, Director, Policy and Projects Mr Daniel Casey, Manager, Policy and Projects  <b>Inclusion Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 25</i> ) Mr Mark Pattison, Executive Director
9.45 am	<b>Mental Health Review Tribunal of NSW</b> ( <i>Submission 3</i> ) Ms Anina Johnson, Deputy President  <b>Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health (Forensicare)</b> ( <i>Submission 15</i> ) Mr Tom Dalton, Chief Executive Officer
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>
10.40 am	<b>Aboriginal Disability Justice Campaign</b> ( <i>Submission 23</i> ) Mr Patrick McGee, Coordinator Mr Ronald  <b>WA Association for Mental Health (via teleconference)</b> ( <i>Submission 17</i> ) Mrs Alison Xamon, President
11.20 am	<b>Australian Guardianship and Administration Council (via teleconference)</b> ( <i>Submission 2</i> ) Ms Anita Smith, Chair  <b>Office of the Public Advocate SA (via teleconference)</b> ( <i>Submission 22</i> ) Dr John Brayley, Public Advocate
<b>12.00 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
12.10 pm	<b>National Welfare Rights Network (via teleconference)</b> ( <i>Submission 1</i> ) Ms Amie Meers, Executive Officer Mr Matthew Butt, Principal Lawyer, Welfare Rights Centre Sydney  <b>Australian Centre for Disability Law (via teleconference)</b> Mr Phillip French, Director  <b>Tasmanian Anti-Discrimination Commission (via teleconference)</b> Ms Robin Banks, Chair, Australian Council of Human Rights Authorities

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12.50 pm	<b>Department of Social Services</b> ( <i>Submission 8</i> ) Ms Cath Halbert, Group Manager, Payments Policy Group Ms Michalina Stawyskyj, Branch Manager, Age, Disability and Carer Payments Policy Branch, Payments Policy Group Mr David Bickerstaff, Departmental Officer
<b>1.30 pm</b>	<b><i>Adjournment</i></b>