



THE SENATE

**LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**National Emergency Declaration Act 2020**

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Thursday 10 June 2021**

**Committee Room 1R1**  
**Parliament House, Canberra**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
9.15 am	<p><b>Panel:</b> <b>Australian Human Rights Commission (via teleconference)</b> (<i>Submission 8</i>) Mr Edward Santow, Human Rights Commissioner Miss Melissa De Abreu, Senior Lawyer</p> <p><b>Law Council of Australia (via teleconference)</b> (<i>Submission 12</i>) Dr Sarah Pritchard SC, Chair, National Human Rights Committee Dr Natasha Molt, Director of Policy</p>
10.00 am	<p><b>New South Wales Government (via teleconference)</b> (<i>Submission 5</i>) Deputy Commissioner Gary Worboys, NSW Police Force and NSW State Emergency Operations Controller</p>
<b>10.40 am</b>	<p><b>Morning tea</b></p>
11.00 am	<p><b>Panel:</b> <b>WIRES Wildlife Rescue</b> (<i>Submission 11</i>) Ms Leanne Taylor, Chief Executive Officer (via teleconference)</p> <p><b>GIVIT</b> Ms Sarah Tennant, Chief Executive Officer (via teleconference) Ms Caroline Odgers, NSW/ACT Disaster Officer</p>
11.45 am	<p><b>Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, Queensland Government (via teleconference)</b> (<i>Submission 16</i>) Deputy Commissioner Mike Wassing, Emergency Management, Volunteerism and Community Resilience</p>
12.25 pm	<p><b>Panel:</b> <b>Department of Home Affairs</b> (<i>Submission 14</i>) Mr Joe Buffone, Director General, Emergency Management Australia</p> <p><b>Attorney-General's Department</b> (<i>Submission 14</i>) Mr Andrew Walter, First Assistance Secretary, Integrity and Security Division Ms Alana Fraser, Acting Assistant Secretary, Security Emergency and Administrative Law</p> <p><b>Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet</b> (<i>Submission 14</i>) Mr Trevor Jones, Assistant Secretary, Disaster Preparedness, Plans and Incident Management</p>

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*1.30 pm*

*Adjournment*