



THE SENATE

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Purpose, intent and adequacy of the Disability Support Pension

**PUBLIC HEARING
Monday 6 September 2021**

**Committee room 2S1
Parliament House, Canberra**

Time	Witness
9.00 am	Panel of Individual Witnesses Ms Fiona Cox Ms Claire Hutchinson Ms Taraeta Nicholls Mr Peter Sutton
10.00 am	Australian Council of Social Services (<i>Submission 68</i>) Ms Casandra Goldie, Chief Executive Officer Ms Charmaine Crowe, Senior Advisor, Social Security Ms Kath Sutherland, Lived Experience Anglicare Australia (<i>Submission 13</i>) Mr Eddy Bourke, National Policy and Research Advisor Ms Kasy Chambers, Executive Director Economic Justice Australia (<i>Submission 92</i>) Mr Dermott Williams, Community Lawyer, DSP Help Project Ms Linda Forbes, Law Reform, Policy and Communications Officer
11.15 am	Break
11.30 am	Australian Federation of Disability Organisations Mr Patrick McGee, National Manager, Policy, Advocacy and Research Ms Natalie Wade, Chief Executive Officer (Equality Lawyers) Ms Brianna Lee, Systematic Advocacy and Projects Manager (PWdWA) Children and Young People with Disability Australia (<i>Submission 96</i>) Ms Mary Sayers, Chief Executive Officer People with Disability Australia (<i>Submission 116</i>) Mx Giancarlo de Vera, Senior Manager of Policy Mr Jay Coonan, Research and Policy, Antipoverty Centre Ms Kristin O'Connell, Research and Policy, Antipoverty Centre Women with Disabilities Australia (<i>Submission 74</i>) Ms Heidi La Paglia, Director of Policy and Programs Ms Vanamali Hermans, Policy and Project Officer
1.00 pm	Lunch

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1.30 pm	<p>Cancer Council and Oncology Social Work Australia and New Zealand <i>(Submission 65)</i> Ms Megan Varlow, Director – Cancer Control Policy at Cancer Council Australia Ms Kim Hobbs, Clinical Specialist Social Worker – Gynecological Cancer at Westmead Hospital</p> <p>Council of the Ageing <i>(Submission 21)</i> Mr Corey Irlam, Deputy Chief Executive</p> <p>Inclusion Australia <i>(Submission 94)</i> Ms Catherine McAlpine, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>Mental Health Australia <i>(Submission 23)</i> Dr Leanne Beagley, Chief Executive Officer Ms Ingrid Hatfield, Senior Policy and Projects Officer</p>
3.00 pm	<p>Australian Association of Psychologists <i>(Submission 1)</i> Ms Tegan Carrison, Executive Director Ms Karen Donnelly, Vice-President Mrs Amanda Curran, Chief Services officer</p> <p>Office of the Public Advocate, Queensland <i>(Submission 85)</i> Dr John Chesterman, Public Advocate</p>
4.00 pm	<p><i>Ajournment</i></p>