



THE SENATE

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Purpose, intent and adequacy of the Disability Support Pension

**PUBLIC HEARING
Monday 1 November 2021**

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

Time	Witness
9.00 am	<p>Good Shepherd Australia and New Zealand (<i>Submission 86</i>) Professor Roslyn Russell, Director, Research and System Impact</p> <p>National Council of Single Mothers and their Children (<i>Submission 59</i>) Ms Therese Edwards, Chief Executive Officer Ms Aradia Sayner, NCSMC Board Member and Founder of Women in Poverty Ms Sarah Saker, Lived experience</p> <p>Council of Single Mothers and their Children (<i>Submission 55</i>) Ms Jenny Davidson, Chief Executive Officer Ms Suzanne Baker, Delegate with lived experience</p> <p>Carers Australia (<i>Submission 91</i>) Ms Sue Elderton, Director, Aged Care Policy</p>
10.00 am	<p>Cystic Fibrosis Community Care (<i>Submission 5</i>) Ms Karin Knoester, Chief Executive</p> <p>MS Australia (<i>Submission 83</i>) Mr Andrew Giles, National Policy Manager</p> <p>ME/CFS Australia Ltd (<i>Submission 95</i>) Mr Geoffrey Hallman, Chair Ms Penelope McMillan, Director and Chair of ME/CFS South Australia</p>
10.45 am	<p>Australian National Audit Office (<i>Submission 130</i>) Ms Peta Martyn, Executive Director, Performance Audit Services Group Ms Carla Jago, Group Executive Director, Performance Audit Services Group</p> <p>Australian Human Rights Commission Dr Ben Gauntlett, Disability Discrimination Commissioner</p> <p>Office of Commonwealth Ombudsman Ms Penny McKay, Acting Commonwealth Ombudsman Ms Louise MacLeod, Acting Deputy Ombudsman Mr David Fintan, Senior Assistant Ombudsman Ms Emma Cotterill, Senior Assistant Ombudsman</p>
11.30 am	Break

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12.15 pm	<p>South East Community Links (<i>Submission 12</i>) Mr Peter McNamara, Chief Executive Officer Ms Kay Dilger, Manager, Community and Financial Wellbeing</p> <p>Ethnic Disability Advocacy Centre (<i>Submission 71</i>) Dr Siyat Abdi, Systemic Advocate Ms Christine Grace, Advocacy Services Manager</p> <p>National Ethnic Disability Alliance (<i>Submission 72</i>) Mr Dwayne Cranfield, Chief Executive Officer Ms Blanca Ramirez, Senior Research and Policy Officer</p>
1.00 pm	<p>Department of Social Services (<i>Submission 29</i>) Mr Matt Flavel, Deputy Secretary, Social Security Mr Troy Sloan, Group Manager, Pensions, Housing, and homelessness Group Ms Tarja Saastamoinen, Acting Group Manager, Disability Employment and Carers Mr Andrew Seebach, Branch Manager, Pensions, Housing and Homelessness</p> <p>Services Australia Mr Brendan Moon, General Manager, Working Age Programmes Ms Catherine Stephenson, National Manager, Programme Management and Assurance Branch</p>
2.00 pm	<i>Adjournment</i>