



THE SENATE

**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**Australian Research Council Amendment (Ensuring Research Independence) Bill 2018**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Wednesday 9 March 2022**

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

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
9.00 am	<p><b>Peak Bodies Panel:</b> <b>The Group of Eight</b> (<i>Submission 79</i>) Dr Matthew Brown, Deputy Chief Executive (via videoconference)</p> <p><b>Universities Australia</b> (<i>Submission 34</i>) Ms Catriona Jackson, Chief Executive Mr Peter Chesworth, Deputy Chief Executive</p> <p><b>Regional Universities Network</b> (<i>Submission 70</i>) Mr Alec Webb, Executive Director (via videoconference)</p> <p><b>Innovative Research Universities</b> (<i>Submission 68</i>) Mr Paul Harris, Executive Director</p>
9.55 am	<p><b>Academics Panel:</b> <b>Professor Aidan Sims, (via videoconference)</b> (<i>Submission 8</i>)</p> <p><b>Professor Andrew Francis</b> (<i>Submission 9</i>)</p> <p><b>Professor Anna Hickey-Moody, (via videoconference)</b> (<i>Submission 21</i>)</p> <p><b>Academics for Public Universities</b> (<i>Submission 42</i>) Professor Peter Tregear, Member (via videoconference)</p>
10.50 am	<b>Break</b>

11.00 am	<p><b>University Panel 1:</b> <b>Australian National University</b> (<i>Submission 59</i>) Professor Brian Schmidt, Vice-Chancellor</p> <p><b>The University of Melbourne</b> (<i>Submission 75</i>) Professor James McCluskey, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) (via videoconference)</p> <p><b>Western Sydney University</b> (<i>Submission 50</i>) Professor Deborah Sweeney, Deputy Vice Chancellor and Vice President, Research, Enterprise and International (via videoconference)</p> <p><b>University of Tasmania</b> (<i>Submission 52</i>) Professor Anthony Koutoulis, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)</p>
11.55 am	<p><b>University Panel 2:</b> <b>Monash University</b> (<i>Submission 57</i>) Professor Michael Ryan, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research) (via teleconference) Professor Rebekah Brown, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) and Senior Vice-President (via teleconference)</p> <p><b>Queensland University of Technology</b> (<i>Submission 24</i>) Dr John Byron, Principal Policy Advisor</p> <p><b>Australian Catholic University</b> (<i>Submission 46</i>) Professor James McLaren, Interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Enterprise) (via videoconference) Mr Ashley Midalia, Director - Government, Policy and Strategy (via videoconference)</p>
12.40 pm	<p><b>HASS Panel:</b> <b>Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia</b> (<i>Submission 14</i>) Professor Richard Holden, President (via videoconference) Dr Chris Hatherly, Chief Executive Officer Professor Jane Hall, Immediate Past President (via videoconference)</p> <p><b>Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences</b> (<i>Submission 20</i>) Professor Dan Woodman, President</p> <p><b>Australasian Council of Deans of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities</b> (<i>Submission 18</i>) Professor Catharine Coleborne, President (via videoconference) Ms Jane Ryan, Executive Officer</p>
1.25 pm	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>

2.05 pm	<p><b><i>STEM Panel:</i></b>  <b>Science &amp; Technology Australia</b> (<i>Submission 58</i>)                  Ms Misha Schubert, Chief Executive Officer                  Professor Mark Hutchinson, President (via videoconference)</p> <p><b>Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering</b> (<i>Submission 47</i>)                  Professor Hugh Bradlow, President                  Ms Kylie Walker, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p><b>Australian Institute of Physics</b> (<i>Submission 74</i>)                  Professor Sven Rogge, President</p> <p><b>Australian Academy of Science</b> (<i>Submission 33</i>)                  Professor Hans Bachor, Secretary, Communication and Outreach (via teleconference)                  Dr Stuart Barrow, Senior Policy Analyst</p>
3.00 pm	<p><b><i>Unions and Associations Panel:</i></b>  <b>National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU)</b> (<i>Submission 35</i>)                  Dr Terri MacDonald, Director of Policy Research (via videoconference)                  Mr Kieran McCarron, Policy Officer (via videoconference)</p> <p><b>Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations and National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Postgraduate Association</b> (<i>Submission 72</i>)                  Mr Errol Phuah, National President/Chief Executive Officer, Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations                  Dr Sadie Heckenberg, Past President, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Postgraduate Association (via videoconference)</p>
3.45 pm	<p><b>Institute of Public Affairs</b> (<i>Submission 13</i>)                  Dr Peter Ridd, Adjunct Fellow</p>
4.15 pm	<p><b><i>Break</i></b></p>
4.25 pm	<p><b><i>Government Panel:</i></b>  <b>Department of Education, Skills and Employment</b> (<i>Submission 32</i>)                  Dr Dom English, First Assistant Secretary, Higher Education Division                  Ms Danielle Donegan, Assistant Secretary, Research Policy and Programs Branch</p> <p><b>Australian Research Council</b> (<i>Submission 16</i>)                  Ms Judi Zielke, Acting Chief Executive Officer                  Dr Mel Southwell-Lee, Branch Manager, Policy and Strategy                  Mr Stuart Henry, Chief Programs Officer</p>
5.15 pm	<p><b><i>Adjournment</i></b></p>