



THE SENATE

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**The extent and nature of poverty in Australia**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Thursday 20 October 2022**

**Quest Abbotsford  
611 Victoria St, Abbotsford**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
9.00 am	<b>Victorian Council of Social Service</b> Ms Emma King, Chief Executive Officer Ms Deborah Fewster, Director, Policy and Advocacy
9.30 am	<b>Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation</b> Mr Troy Walsh, Health and Information Unit Executive Director Mr Abe Ropitini, Executive Director Population Health  <b>Cohealth</b> Dr Nicole Allard, GP and Clinical and Public Health lead COVID response Mr Danny Jeffcote, Acting Network Director, Community Response and Impact
<b>10.15 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
10.30 am	<b>Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House</b> Ms Karen Hovenga, President  <b>Finbar Neighbourhood House</b> Mrs Judith Sullivan, Member of Board of Management Ms Debbie Beams, Secretary
11.15 am	<b>Financial Counselling Victoria</b> Ms Jacinta Morris, Financial Counsellor Ms Elizabeth Stary, Senior Financial Counsellor  <b>Financial Counselling Australia</b> Dr Sandy Ross, Executive Officer
<b>12.00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
1.00 pm	<b>Council of Single Mothers and their Children</b> Ms Jenny Davidson, Chief Executive Officer Ms Suzanne Baker, Delegate  <b>Save the Children and 54 Reasons</b> Mr Howard Choo, Australian Policy and Advocacy Lead

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1.45 pm	<p><b>Carringbush Adult Education</b> Ms Laura Chapman, Community Support and Case Work Coordinator</p> <p><b>Australian Vietnamese Women's Association</b> Mr Huy Luu, Operations Manager</p> <p><b>Young Assets Foundation</b> Mr Mubarek Imam, Executive Director</p>
2.45 pm	<p><b>UnitingCare Vic/Tas</b> The Hon Bronwyn Pike AM, Chief Executive Officer Mr Thomas Johnson, Manager, Advocacy and Public Policy</p> <p><b>Housing for the Aged Action Group</b> Ms Fiona York, Executive Officer</p>
<b>3.30 pm</b>	<b><i>Break</i></b>
3.45 pm	<b>Short statements from individuals with lived experience of poverty</b>
<b>5.00 pm</b>	<b><i>Adjournment</i></b>