



THE SENATE

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Tuesday 13 December 2022**

**Murray Bridge Town Hall, Performing Arts and Function Centre  
17 Bridge St, Murray Bridge**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
9.30 am	<b>South Australia Council of Social Service</b> Mr Ross Womersley, Chief Executive Officer  <b>Anti-Poverty Network South Australia</b> Mrs Sara Walker, Coordinator, Northern Suburbs Branch Ms Jennifer Harris, Representative
10.20 am	<b>Rural City of Murray Bridge Council</b> Mrs Kristen Manson, General Manager of Community Development  <b>AC. Care Murray Bridge</b> Ms Thanuja Hiripitiyage, Regional Manager, Murraylands Homelessness Services Mr Shane Maddock, Chief Executive Officer Ms Meredith Nelson, Manager, Financial Inclusion and Emergency Relief  <b>Uniting Communities Murray Bridge</b> Ms Emma Scarce, Senior Coordinator Mr Joshua Davies, Social & Emotional Wellbeing Worker
<b>11.30 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
11.45 am	<b>Short statements from individuals</b>
12.30 pm	<b>Murray Mallee General Practice Network</b> Ms Lisa Courtney, Clinical Services Manager - Mental Health, AOD and Chronic Pain Services
<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
2.00 pm	<b>National Council of Single Mothers and their Children</b> Ms Terese Edwards, Chief Executive Officer Ms Aradia Sayner, Board Member  <b>Foodbank SA</b> Ms Sarah Davies, General Manager, Strategy, Foodbank SA & Central Australia  <b>JFA Purple Orange</b> Ms Cathy Cochrane, Policy and Research Leader Ms Elizabeth Farrant, Project Leader

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3.00 pm	<b>Aboriginal Sobriety Group</b> Mr Major Sumner AM, Board Director  <b>Salvation Army Australia - Murray Bridge Corps</b> Ms Janet Emmins, MoneyCare Financial Counselor  <b>Murray Bridge High School</b> Mr Duncan Emmins, Wellbeing and Engagement Mentor
<b>4.15 pm</b>	<b><i>Adjournment</i></b>