



THE SENATE

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT REFERENCES COMMITTEE

The national trend of school refusal and related matters

PUBLIC HEARING
Thursday 23 February 2023

Mantra Tullamarine Hotel
2 Trade Park Drive, Tullamarine, Melbourne

| Time | Witness |
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| 8.30 am | Melbourne Graduate School of Education Disability Research Collaboration (<i>Submission 15</i>) Associate Professor Lisa McKay-Brown, Chair Dr Matthew Harrison, Senior Lecturer |
| 9.10 am | Via teleconference: The Therapy Place (<i>Submission 12</i>) Mrs Fiona Berry, Director Mrs Stephanie Hodge |
| 9.50 am | Brotherhood of St Laurence (<i>Submission 57</i>) Ms Kira Clarke, Principal Research Fellow - Skills & Training Dr Jodie Long, Education Research Lead |
| 10.30 am | Break |
| 10.40 am | Yellow Ladybugs (<i>Submission 59</i>) Ms Katie Koullas, Chief Executive Officer |
| 11.20 am | Home Education Network (<i>Submission 19</i>) Mrs Pavlina McMaster, Secretary Ms Heidi Ryan, Disability Advocate Mrs Kirsty James, Assistant Coordinator Ms Kamya Foster, Committee Member |
| 12.00 pm | School Refusal Clinic (<i>Submission 17</i>) Mr John Chellew, Director |
| 12.40 pm | Break |
| 1.10 pm | School Can't (SPSR) Australia (<i>Submission 76</i>) Ms Tiffany Westphal, Coordinator Mrs Louise Rogers, Coordinator Dr Katrina Scurrah, Survey Team Member |
| 1.50 pm | Panel: Professor Jim Watterston (<i>Submission 3</i>) Associate Professor Glenn Melvin (<i>Submission 34</i>) |
| 2.30 pm | Adjournment |