



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