



THE SENATE

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE

The operation of Commonwealth Freedom of Information (FOI) laws

**PUBLIC HEARING
Monday 28 August 2023**

**Barossa Room
Novotel Sydney on Darling Harbour, 100 Murray Street, Darling Harbour**

Time	Witness
9.00 am	Australian Press Council (<i>Submission 10</i>) Ms Yvette Lamont, CEO and Executive Director Country Press Australia (<i>Submission 13</i>) Mr Peter Kennedy, Executive Officer Australian Broadcasting Corporation (<i>Submission 27</i>) Ms Ingrid Silver, General Counsel Australia's Right To Know Coalition (<i>Submission 31</i>) Mr Michael McKinnon, Representative
10.15 am	Refugee Advice and Casework Service (<i>Submission 8</i>) Ms Sarah Dale, Principal Solicitor and Centre Director Ms Mursal Rahimi, Policy & Casework Solicitor NSW Council for Civil Liberties (<i>Submission 12</i>) Mr Stephen Blanks, Executive Member
11.15 am	Morning tea
11.30 am	Public Interest Advocacy Centre (<i>Submission 4</i>) Mr Johathan Hall Spence, Principal Solicitor Mr Mitchell Skipsey, Senior Solicitor, Strategic Litigation Grata Fund (<i>Submission 5</i>) Ms Isabelle Reinecke, Executive Director Mr Mohammad Omar, Acting General Counsel Ms Courtney Law, Strategic Litigation Solicitor Mr Geoffrey Watson SC (<i>Submission 6</i>)
12.30 pm	Mr Rex Patrick (<i>Submission 3</i>)
1.15 pm	Lunch
2.15 pm	Dr Amanda-Jane George (<i>Submission 17</i>) Professor Julie-Anne Tarr, (via teleconference) (<i>Submission 17</i>)
3.15 pm	Afternoon tea

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3.30 pm	Administrative Appeals Tribunal (<i>Submission 22</i>) Mr Michael Hawkins AM, Registrar Ms Alison Nesbitt, Executive Director, Review Support
4.15 pm	<i>Adjournment</i>