



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

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>