



THE SENATE

**LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**The operation of Commonwealth Freedom of Information (FOI) laws**

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Tuesday 29 August 2023**

**Committee Room 2S3**  
**Parliament House, Canberra**

Time	Witness
9.00 am	<b>Mr Leo Hardiman PSM KC</b>
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b><i>Morning tea</i></b>
10.45 am	<b>Law Council of Australia (via videoconference) (Submission 20)</b> Mr Luke Murphy, President Mr Graeme Johnson, Member, Administrative Law Committee Mr John Farrell, Senior Policy Advisor
11.30 am	<b>Professor John McMillan AO (Submission 7)</b>
<b>12.15 pm</b>	<b><i>Lunch</i></b>
1.00 pm	<b>Australian Conservation Foundation (via videoconference) (Submission 14)</b> Mr Adam Beeson, General Counsel Ms Annica Schoo, Lead Investigator  <b>The Australia Institute (Submission 23)</b> Mr William Browne, Director, Democracy & Accountability Program
2.00 pm	<b>Department of Home Affairs (Submission 1)</b> Ms Clare Sharp, Group Manager, Legal Mr Steve Biddle, Assistant Secretary, FOI and Records Management Ms Emily Brooks, Director, Freedom of Information  <b>Australian Financial Security Authority (Submission 2)</b> Ms Elyse Harrald-Woods, National Manager Government Business Mr Matthew Osborne, Principal Legal Officer
<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b><i>Afternoon tea</i></b>
3.15 pm	<b>Attorney-General's Department (Submission 21)</b> Mr Simon Newnham, Deputy Secretary, Integrity & International Group Ms Catherine Fitch, Assistant Secretary, Information Law Branch Ms Elizabeth Brayshaw, A/g First Assistant Secretary, Integrity Frameworks Division
4.00 pm	<b>Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (Submission 33)</b> Ms Angelene Falk, Australian Information Commissioner and Privacy Commissioner Ms Toni Pirani, Acting Freedom of Information Commissioner
<b>5.00 pm</b>	<b><i>Adjournment</i></b>