



THE SENATE

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**The worsening rental crisis in Australia**

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Wednesday 30 August 2023**

**Parliament House**  
**Canberra**

Time	Witness
9.00 am	<b>Better Renting</b> ( <i>Submission 46</i> ) Mr Joel Dignam, Executive Director Ms Sabrina Clarke, Campaigner  <b>National Association of Renters' Organisations</b> ( <i>Submission 47</i> ) Ms Farrah Farouque, Director of Community Engagement, Tenants Victoria; appearing for NARO (via teleconference) Mr Leo Patterson Ross, CEO, Tenants NSW; appearing for NARO (via teleconference)  <b>Renters and Housing Union</b> ( <i>Submission 55</i> ) Mr J.R. Hewitt, Media and Communications Officer
9.45 am	<b>Everybody's Home</b> ( <i>Submission 52</i> ) Ms Maiy Azize, Campaign Spokesperson  <b>National Shelter</b> Ms Emma Greenhalgh, Chief Executive Officer (via teleconference)
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
10.45 am	<b>Legal Aid ACT, Tenancy Advice Service</b> Mr Derek Schild, Head of Practice, Civil Justice Legal Practice  <b>Woden Community Service</b> ( <i>Submission 22</i> ) Mr Lynton Sheehan, Executive Manager, Housing and Homelessness Services  <b>ACT Shelter</b> Mr Travis Gilbert, Chief Executive Officer
11.45 am	<b>Short statements from individuals with lived experience</b>
<b>12.45 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
1.45 pm	<b>Homelessness Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 54</i> ) Ms Kate Colvin, Chief Executive Officer (via teleconference)
2.15 pm	<b>Real Estate Institute of Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 56</i> ) Mr Hayden Groves, President (via teleconference)

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2.45 pm	<b>Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI)</b> ( <i>Submission 57</i> ) Dr Michael Fotheringham, Managing Director
<b>3.15 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
3.30 pm	<b>The Salvation Army</b> ( <i>Submission 17</i> ) Ms Jennifer Kirkaldy, General Manager of Policy and Advocacy  <b>Uniting Communities</b> ( <i>Submission 53</i> ) Mr Simon Schrapel AM, Chief Executive (via teleconference)  <b>Uniting WA</b> ( <i>Submission 58</i> ) Mr Michael Chester, Co-Chief Executive Officer
4.15 pm	<b>Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA, ACT Attorney-General</b> ( <i>Submission 9</i> ) Justice and Community Safety Directorate, ACT Government Mr Daniel Ng, Executive Branch Manager, Civil and Regulatory Law Branch
4.45 pm	<b>Australian Taxation Office</b> Mr Tim Loh, Assistant Commissioner, Individuals Risk and Strategy (via teleconference)  <b>Defence Housing Australia</b> Mr Nathan Dascarolis, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Defence Housing Australia Mr Brett Jorgensen, General Manager, Service Delivery, Defence Housing Australia
<b>5.15 pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>