



JOINT COMMITTEES

PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Inquiry into Australia's Human Rights Framework

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Thursday 28 September 2023**

**Sydney Masonic Centre**  
**66 Goulburn St, Sydney**

Time	Witness
9.30 am	<b>Australian Association of Christian Schools</b> ( <i>Submission 19</i> ) Mrs Vanessa Cheng, Executive Officer  <b>Freedom for Faith</b> ( <i>Submission 119</i> ) The Rt Rev Dr Michael Stead, Chair Mr Mike Southon, Executive Director
<b>10.15 am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>
10.30 am	<b>National Catholic Education Commission</b> ( <i>Submission 98</i> ) Mr Robert Tonkli, Director of Missions & Operations Mr Dallas McInerney, Chief Executive Officer  <b>Australian Catholic Bishops Conference</b> ( <i>Submission 31</i> ) Bishop Daniel Meagher, Member Ms Monica Doumit, Director of Public Affairs and Engagement, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney
11.15 am	<b>Just.Equal Australia Inc</b> ( <i>Submission 199</i> ) Mr Rodney Croome AM, Spokesperson (via teleconference)  <b>LGBTIQ+ Health Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 218</i> ) Mr James Zannotto, Director Policy, Research and Communications  <b>Equality Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 214</i> ) Anna Brown OAM, Chief Executive Officer Danielle Yung, Legal Policy Adviser
<b>12.15 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
1.15 pm	<b>Kingsford Legal Centre</b> ( <i>Submission 101</i> ) Ms Emma Golledge, Director  <b>Australian Community Futures Planning</b> ( <i>Submission 17</i> ) Dr Bronwyn Kelly, Founder and Director

Committee Chair: Mr Josh Burns MP

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2.00 pm	<b>Environmental Defenders Office</b> ( <i>Submission 147</i> ) Ms Rachel Walmsley, Head of Policy & Law Reform Mr Joshua Paveley, Senior Solicitor, Healthy Environment and Justice Program, ACT Ms Frances Bradshaw, Senior Solicitor (via teleconference)  <b>Wilderness Society</b> ( <i>Submission 99</i> ) Mr Sam Szoke-Burke, Biodiversity Policy and Campaign Manager
2.45 pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
3.00 pm	<b>National Legal Aid</b> ( <i>Submission 118</i> ) Mr Derek Schild, Head of Practice, Civil Justice Legal Practice, Legal Aid ACT Mr Anthony Levin, Manager & Senior Solicitor, Human Rights Team, Legal Aid NSW  <b>Grata Fund</b> ( <i>Submission 65</i> ) Ms Courtney Law, Senior Solicitor (Strategic Litigation) Mr Mohammad Zaki Omar, Acting General Counsel
3.45 pm	<b>Professor George Williams AO</b> ( <i>Submission 4</i> )
4.15 pm	<b>Ms Kate Eastman AM SC</b>
4.45 pm	<i>Adjournment</i>