



THE SENATE

**LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (Costs Protection) Bill 2023 [Provisions]**

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Wednesday 31 January 2024**

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

Time	Witness
1.00 pm	<b>Panel:</b> <b>Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees' Association</b> ( <i>Submission 23</i> ) Ms Katie Biddlestone  <b>Australian Council of Trade Unions</b> ( <i>Submission 25</i> ) Ms Sascha Peldova-McClelland
1.30 pm	<b>Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry</b> ( <i>Submission 34</i> ) Ms Jessica Tinsley Mr Jack Morrish
2.00 pm	<b>Panel:</b> <b>Australian Discrimination Law Experts Group</b> ( <i>Submission 1</i> ) Dr Bill Swannie Associate Professor Alysia Blackham Dr Robin Banks  <b>Australian Lawyers Alliance</b> ( <i>Submission 12</i> ) Mr Shaun Marcus  <b>Law Council of Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 33</i> ) Mr Greg McIntyre Ms Katherine Eastman Ms Leonie Campbell
2.30 pm	<b>Panel:</b> <b>Equality Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 9</i> ) Mr Ghassan Kassisieh  <b>The Working Women's Centre SA Inc</b> ( <i>Submission 10</i> ) Ms Abbey Kendell Ms Caitlin Feehan  <b>Kingsford Legal Centre</b> ( <i>Submission 27</i> ) Ms Emma Golledge
<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>Afternoon tea</b>

3.15 pm	<p><b>Panel:</b></p> <p><b>Human Rights Law Alliance</b> (<i>Submission 5</i>) Mr John Steenhof</p> <p><b>Freedom for Faith</b> (<i>Submission 21</i>) Mr Mike Southon Mr Mark Spencer Bishop Michael Stead</p> <p><b>Australian Catholic Bishops Conference</b> (<i>Submission 17</i>)</p>
3.45 pm	<p><b>Panel:</b></p> <p><b>Grata Fund and Public Interest Advocacy Centre</b> (<i>Submission 8</i>) Ms Isabelle Reinecke Ms Courtney Law Ms Ellen Tilbury Ms Mitchell Skipsey</p> <p><b>People with Disability Australia</b> (<i>Submission 26</i>) Ms Lisa Lira Ms Joanne Yates</p>
4.15 pm	<p><b>Panel:</b></p> <p><b>Australian Human Rights Commission</b> (<i>Submission 3</i>) Professor Rosalind Croucher Dr Anna Cody Ms Melissa De Abreu</p> <p><b>Attorney-General's Department</b> (<i>Submission 24</i>) Ms Anne Sheehan Ms Petra Gartmann Ms Claire Stephens</p>
5.00 pm	<p><b>National Legal Aid</b> (<i>Submission 22</i>) Ms Katherine McKernan Ms Melanie Schleiger</p>
<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>