



THE SENATE

**LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**Administrative Review Tribunal Bill 2023 [Provisions] and related bills**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Friday 15 March 2024**

**Committee Room 2S1  
Parliament House, Canberra**

| Time     | Witness  |
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| 10.15 am | <b>Centre for Public Integrity</b><br>Mr Geoffrey Watson SC, Board Member<br><br><b>Accountability Round Table</b><br>Ms Lyn Allison, Chair<br><br><b>The Australia Institute</b><br>Mr Bill Browne, Director, Democracy & Accountability Program  |
| 11.00 am | <b>Economic Justice Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 1</i> )<br>Ms Genevieve Bolton, Chair<br>Ms Catherine Eagle, Principal Solicitor Welfare Rights & Advocacy Service<br><br><b>National Legal Aid</b><br>Ms Jacqueline Finlay, Deputy Director, Civil Law Division, Legal Aid NSW<br>Ms Katherine McKernan, Executive Director |
| 11.30 am | <b>Lunch Break</b>   |
| 12.00 pm | <b>Refugee Advice and Casework Service</b><br>Mr Ahmad Sawan, Supervising Senior Solicitor<br>Ms Mursal Rahimi, Policy and Casework Solicitor<br><br><b>Asylum Seeker Resource Centre</b> ( <i>Submission 19</i> )<br>Ms Rachel Saravanamuthu, Legal Policy Lead   |
| 12.45 pm | <b>People with Disability Australia</b><br>Ms Lisa Ira, Senior Policy Officer<br><br><b>Disability Advocacy Network Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 13</i> )<br>Mr Liam Thatcher, Policy and Advocacy Officer<br>Mr Jeff Smith, Chief Executive Officer  |

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| 1.15 pm | <p><b>Attorney-General's Department</b> (<i>Submission 21</i>)<br/>Ms Sara Samios, First Assistant Secretary, Administrative Review Taskforce<br/>Ms Joanna Virtue, Assistant Secretary, Administrative Review Taskforce</p> <p><b>Department of Home Affairs</b><br/>Mr David Gavin, Assistant Secretary, Compliance and Community Protection Policy Branch<br/>Mrs Julia Paton, Acting Assistant Secretary, Migration and Citizenship Law Branch</p> <p><b>Department of Social Services</b><br/>Ms Bronwyn Worswick, Chief Council<br/>Ms Nicola Pearson, Special Council</p> |
| 2.00 pm | <i>Adjournment</i>   |