



THE SENATE

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**Communications Legislation Amendment (Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation)
Bill 2024 [Provisions]**

**PUBLIC HEARING
Thursday 17 October 2024**

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

Time	Witness
9.00 am	Digital Industry Group (<i>Submission 79</i>) Dr Jennifer Duxbury, Director of Policy Affairs and Research (via videoconference)
10.00 am	Uniting Church in Australia (<i>Submission 50</i>) Dr Mark Zirnsak, Senior Social Justice Advocate Reverend Associate Professor Robyn Whitaker, Faculty, Pilgrim Theological College (via videoconference)
10.30 am	Australian Christian Lobby (<i>Submission 65</i>) Mrs Michelle Pearse, Chief Executive Officer Mrs Elisabeth Taylor, Independent Researcher Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (<i>Submission 40</i>) Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, Chair, Bishops Commission for Life, Family and Public Engagement (via videoconference) Mr Jeremy Stuparich, Deputy General Secretary (via videoconference)
11.00 am	<i>Morning Break</i>
11.10 am	Australian Electoral Commission (<i>Submission 4</i>) Mr Tom Rogers, Electoral Commissioner Mr Jeff Pope, Deputy Electoral Commissioner Mr Michael Lynch, First Assistant Commissioner, Electoral Integrity and Operations Group Mr Matthew Haigh, Assistant Commissioner, Electoral Integrity and Media Branch Mr Andrew Johnson, Chief Legal Officer e-Safety Commissioner (no submission) Ms Julie Inman Grant, Commissioner Mr Toby Dagg, General Manager of Regulatory Operations Australian Human Rights Commission (<i>Submission 66</i>) Ms Lorraine Finlay, Human Rights Commissioner
1.10 pm	<i>Lunch Break</i>
2.00 pm	CyberCX (<i>Submission 80</i>) Mr Jordan Newnham, Executive Director Corporate Affairs

Committee Chair: Senator Karen Grogan

Committee Secretary: Stephen Palethorpe

PO Box 6100, Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600 Tel: +61 2 6277 3526

Email: ec.sen@aph.gov.au Internet:

www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Environment_and_Communications

2.25 pm	New South Wales Council for Civil Liberties (<i>Submission 5</i>) Mr Stephen Blanks, Treasurer and Former President (via videoconference) Mr Timothy Roberts, Secretary (via videoconference) Queensland Council for Civil Liberties (<i>Submission 41</i>) Mr Michael Cope, President (via videoconference)
3.10 pm	News Corp Australia (<i>Submission 61</i>) Mr Campbell Reid, Group Executive Corporate Affairs, Policy & Government Relations (via videoconference) Ms Georgia-Kate Schubert, Policy & Government Affairs (via videoconference)
3.40 pm	Australian Broadcasting Corporation (<i>Submission 37</i>) Ms Amy Froome, Senior Lawyer, Regulatory & Commercial (via videoconference) Dr David Sutton, Senior Strategist (via videoconference) Special Broadcasting Service (<i>Submission 64</i>) Ms Clare O'Neil, Director of Corporate Affairs (via videoconference) Mr Theo Dorizac, General Counsel (via videoconference)
4.25 pm	Afternoon Break
4.35 pm	Public Interest Journalism Initiative (<i>Submission 82</i>) Ms Anna Draffin, Chief Executive Officer (via videoconference) Mr Simon Harari, Head of Strategy and Policy (via videoconference)
5.05 pm	Dr Nicholas Coatsworth, private capacity (<i>Submission 13</i>)
5.35 pm	Adjournment