



THE SENATE

LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Criminal Code Amendment (Hate Crimes) Bill 2024 [Provisions]

PUBLIC HEARING
Monday 2 December 2024

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

Time	Witness
9.30 am	Australian Human Rights Commission (<i>Submission 8</i>) Ms Lorraine Finlay, Human Rights Commissioner Ms Melissa De Abreu, Senior Lawyer
10.15 am	Panel: People with Disability Australia (<i>Submission 3</i>) Mx Megan Spindler-Smith, Deputy Chief Executive Officer Ms Lisa Ira, Senior Policy Officer (via videoconference) HIV/AIDS Legal Centre and ACON (via videoconference) (<i>Submission 11</i>) Mr Vikas Parwani, Principal Solicitor Rainbow Families Australia (via videoconference) (<i>Submission 23</i>) Ms Heather Corkill, Equality Director Mr Ashley Scott, Executive Officer Challenging Racism Project (via videoconference) (<i>Submission 30</i>) Professor Kevin Dunn Dr Aaron Teo, Lecturer in Education Ms Rachael Jacobs Equality Australia (via videoconference) (<i>Submission 38</i>) Ms Anna Brown, Chief Executive Officer Mr Oliver Ray, Senior Legal Policy Advisor
11.00 am	Morning Tea
11.10 am	Panel: The Justice and Equity Centre (via videoconference) (<i>Submission 12</i>) Mr Alastair Lawrie, Director of Policy and Advocacy Human Rights Law Centre (via videoconference) (<i>Submission 35</i>) Mr Arif Hussein, Senior Lawyer Castan Centre for Human Rights Law (via videoconference) (<i>Submission 36</i>) Professor Melissa Castan, Director Professor Ronli Sifris, Deputy Director Mr Scott Walker, Research Fellow

11.55 am	Executive Council of Australian Jewry (via videoconference) (Submission 1) Mr Peter Wertheim AM, Co-CEO Ms Simone Abel, Head of Legal
12.40 pm	Lunch
1.10 pm	Islamic Council of Victoria (via videoconference) (Submission 14) Mr Mohamed Mohideen, President Ms Bridget McKenzie, Policy and Advocacy Officer
1.55 pm	<p>Panel: Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of Victoria and Tasmania (Submission 18) Dr Mark Zirnsak, Senior Social Justice Advocate</p> <p>Combined Church Leaders (Submission 26) Rt Rev Dr Michael Stead, Chair Mr Michael (Mike) Southon, Executive Director</p> <p>Christian Schools Australia (Submission 27) Dr Rachel Carling, Director of Public Policy Dr Brendan Long, Executive Officer, Government Relations & Advocacy</p>
2.40 pm	<p>Panel: NSW Council for Civil Liberties (via videoconference) (Submission 10) Mr Josh Pallas, Past President Mr Stephen Blanks, Treasurer</p> <p>Queensland Council for Civil Liberties (via videoconference) (Submission 25) Mr Michael Cope SC</p>
3.20 pm	Afternoon Tea
3.30 pm	Law Council of Australia (via videoconference) (Submission 39) Dr David Neal SC, Co-Chair, National Criminal Law Committee Mr Michael Stanton SC, Member, National Criminal Law Committee Mr Shounok Chatterjee, Senior Policy Lawyer
4.15 pm	<p>Panel: Department of Home Affairs (Submission 22) Ms Colette Hull, A/g First Assistant Secretary, Counter-Terrorism Coordination Centre Ms Melanie Mackenzie, Senior Director, Office of Community Cohesion Mr Alec Wickerson, A/G Assistant Secretary, Counter-Terrorism Strategic Issues</p> <p>Attorney-General's Department (Submission 28) Ms Brooke Hartigan, First Assistant Secretary, Security and Counter-Terrorism Division Mr Luke Muffett, Assistant Secretary, Security Law and Policy Branch Mr Jonathon Savery, Director, Counter-Terrorism Legislation Section</p> <p>Australian Federal Police (Submission 31) Deputy Commissioner Krissy Barrett, Deputy Commissioner National Security Assistant Commissioner Stephen Nutt, Assistant Commissioner CT and Special Investigations Command</p>
5.15 pm	Adjournment