



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

11.55 am	<b>Executive Council of Australian Jewry (via videoconference)</b> ( <i>Submission 1</i> ) Mr Peter Wertheim AM, Co-CEO Ms Simone Abel, Head of Legal
<b>12.40 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
1.10 pm	<b>Islamic Council of Victoria (via videoconference)</b> ( <i>Submission 14</i> ) Mr Mohamed Mohideen, President Ms Bridget McKenzie, Policy and Advocacy Officer
1.55 pm	<b>Panel:</b> <b>Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of Victoria and Tasmania</b> ( <i>Submission 18</i> ) Dr Mark Zirnsak, Senior Social Justice Advocate  <b>Combined Church Leaders</b> ( <i>Submission 26</i> ) Rt Rev Dr Michael Stead, Chair Mr Michael (Mike) Southon, Executive Director  <b>Christian Schools Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 27</i> ) Dr Rachel Carling, Director of Public Policy Dr Brendan Long, Executive Officer, Government Relations & Advocacy
2.40 pm	<b>Panel:</b> <b>NSW Council for Civil Liberties (via videoconference)</b> ( <i>Submission 10</i> ) Mr Josh Pallas, Past President Mr Stephen Blanks, Treasurer  <b>Queensland Council for Civil Liberties (via videoconference)</b> ( <i>Submission 25</i> ) Mr Michael Cope SC
<b>3.20 pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>
3.30 pm	<b>Law Council of Australia (via videoconference)</b> ( <i>Submission 39</i> ) 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	<b>Panel:</b> <b>Department of Home Affairs</b> ( <i>Submission 22</i> ) 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  <b>Attorney-General's Department</b> ( <i>Submission 28</i> ) 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  <b>Australian Federal Police</b> ( <i>Submission 31</i> ) Deputy Commissioner Krissy Barrett, Deputy Commissioner National Security Assistant Commissioner Stephen Nutt, Assistant Commissioner CT and Special Investigations Command
<b>5.15 pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>