



THE SENATE

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Free TAFE Bill 2024 [Provisions]

**PUBLIC HEARING
Friday 7 February 2025**

**Main Committee Room
Parliament House, Canberra**

Time	Witness
9.00 am	TAFE Directors Australia (<i>Submission 20</i>) Ms Jenny Dodd, Chief Executive Officer
10.00 am	Break
10.15 am	Business Council of Australia (via videoconference) (<i>Submission 5</i>) Ms Wendy Black, Executive Director of Policy
11.15 am	Australian Council of Trade Unions (via videoconference) (<i>Submission 32</i>) Mr Christopher Watts, Senior Policy Advisor NSW Teachers Federation (<i>Submission 19</i>) Mr Phillip Chadwick, Lead Organiser TAFE
12.00 pm	Lunch
1.00 pm	Housing Industry Association (<i>Submission 26</i>) Mr Simon Croft, Chief Executive – Industry and Policy Mr Geordan Murray, Executive Director – Future Workforce and Industry Research Master Builders Australia (<i>Submission 48</i>) Mrs Elizabeth O’Grady, National Manager, Workforce and Building Regulation Policy Mrs Alex Waldren, National Policy Director
1.45 pm	Jobs and Skills Australia (<i>Submission 53</i>) Professor Barney Glover AO, Commissioner Mr David Turvey, Executive Director National Centre for Vocational Education Research (<i>Submission 44</i>) Mr John King, Managing Director Dr Mette Creaser, General Manager, Research, Analytics and Reporting
2.30 pm	Break
2.45 pm	Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (<i>Submission 58</i>) Ms Anna Faithfull, Deputy Secretary, Skills and Training Dr Simon Booth, First Assistant Secretary, Policy, Performance and Inclusion Ms Vicki Wilkinson, First Assistant Secretary, National Skills Reform Ms Kimberley McDonald, Assistant Secretary, Fee Free TAFE and Skills Funding

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3.45 pm

Adjournment