



JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON AUSTRALIA'S FAMILY LAW SYSTEM

MEDIA RELEASE

On Wednesday 27 May 2020, the Joint Select Committee on Australia's Family Law System (committee) will recommence its program of public hearings. This follows the postponement of a number of public hearings around Australia as a result of the travel restrictions in place due to COVID-19.

A program for the public hearing on Wednesday 27 May 2020 is available [here](#).

In order to observe social distancing requirements, public hearings will take place in Canberra with the majority of witnesses appearing via videoconference. Following the announcement by the Presiding Officers, Parliament House is temporarily closed to members of the public. The committee's proceedings can still be viewed via the APH website.

While the committee has not had the opportunity to hold public hearings since 13 March 2020, when it last sat in Sydney, it has continued to hear from individual submitters to the inquiry at in camera hearings, which it has been conducting via teleconference.

The committee intends to continue with its program of public and in camera hearings, to be conducted via videoconference and teleconference until it can once again travel around the country.

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