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### **Parliamentary inquiry into a better family law system to support and protect those affected by family violence**

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## **Parliamentary inquiry returns to Canberra**

The [Parliamentary Inquiry into a better family law system to support and protect those affected by family violence](#) will return to Canberra to hold a public hearing on Tuesday 8 August. The Committee will hear from two organisations: Relationships Australia; and the Lone Fathers Association of Australia.

The Chair of the Committee, [Sarah Henderson MP](#), said that the hearing “provides an opportunity for the Committee to hear from these two organisations who are active in the national discussion about how the family law system responds to family violence.”

A detailed program for the hearing is available from the [Inquiry website](#).

Public hearing details:

4.45pm to 6.15 pm, Tuesday 8 August

Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

The hearing will be streamed live at [aph.gov.au/live](http://aph.gov.au/live) and video footage of the hearing will be made available from the [Inquiry website](#) at a later date.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the hearing however there will be limited seating available.

Please be aware that the Committee is unable to intervene or provide advice in relation to individual circumstances. If you are in immediate danger, please contact 000. If you are experiencing distress or would like to speak with someone about your situation, the following support services are available:

- 1800RESPECT national helpline: 1800 737 732
- Women's Crisis Line: 1800 811 811
- Men's Referral Service: 1300 766 491
- Lifeline: 131 114
- Relationships Australia: 1300 364 277
- Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800

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