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Parliamentary Committee examines provisions of new Anti-Corruption Commission bills

The provisions of the National Anti-Corruption Commission Bill 2022 and the National Anti-Corruption Commission (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2022 will be the focus of an inquiry by the newly established National Anti-Corruption Commission Legislation Committee.

Committee Chair, Senator Linda White, said 'the inquiry is a way for individuals, organisations and interest groups to share their views on the proposed National Anti-Corruption Commission'.

The Committee is calling for submissions commenting on the provisions of the bills and encourages that submissions be concise. The preferred method of receiving submissions is by electronic format lodged online using a My Parliament account.

Submissions close on Friday 14 October 2022.

Public hearings are planned on 18, 19, 20 and 21 October 2022 in Canberra with an expected option for remote participation by witnesses.

The Deputy Chair, Dr Helen Haines MP, said that 'while public hearings will be held in Canberra, the Committee intends to hear from witnesses from around Australia'.

Submitters should indicate in their submission if they wish to give evidence at a public hearing. Please continue to monitor the Committee's website for any updates or other details regarding general arrangements for public hearings.

The Committee is due to report on or before 10 November 2022.

Further information about the Committee, including membership and details on how to lodge a submission, are available at the Committee's website: <u>www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary Business/Committees/Joint/National Anti-</u> <u>Corruption Commission Legislation</u>. You can also track the Committee and receive email updates by clicking on the blue 'Track Committee' button in the bottom right hand corner of the page.

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Committee membership

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Participating members

Senator Penny Allman-Payne, Senator Dorinda Cox, Senator Mehreen Faruqi, Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Senator Nick McKim, Senator Barbara Pocock, Senator David Pocock, Senator Janet Rice, Senator Jordon Steele-John, Senator Lidia Thorpe, Senator Larissa Waters and Senator Peter Whish-Wilson.

Frequently asked questions

Submissions

When are submissions due?

The due date for submissions is 14 October 2022.

Where can I find the Bills relevant to this inquiry?

The Bills are available on the Australian Parliament House website:

- <u>National Anti-Corruption Commission Bill 2022</u>
- <u>National Anti-Corruption Commission (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill</u>
 <u>2022</u>

I need more time to write my submission. Can I request an extension?

You can request an extension by contacting the Secretariat by email at <u>nacc@aph.gov.au</u>. However, the sooner the Committee receives your submission the more time it has to consider the matters you have raised.

I am experiencing difficulties with uploading my submission through the My Parliament online portal. How do I make my submission?

If you cannot upload your submission through the My Parliament online portal, please email your submission to the Secretariat at <u>nacc@aph.gov.au</u>.

How will I know when my submission has been received?

You will receive an acknowledgement email.

When will my submission be published?

Submissions will be published on the Committee's webpage progressively subject to Committee decisions.

I'm not sure how to prepare my submission.

The purpose of the inquiry is to examine the provisions of the National Anti-Corruption Commission Bill 2022 and National Anti-Corruption Commission (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2022.

More information about writing submissions is available on the Australian Parliament House website:

www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary Business/Committees/Senate/Making a submission. www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary Business/Committees/House/Making a submission.

Public hearings

When are the public hearings?

Public hearings are planned on 18, 19, 20 and 21 October 2022 with an expected option for remote participation by witnesses. Please continue to monitor this website for any updates or other details regarding general arrangements for public hearings. If the Committee wishes to invite you to give evidence at a public hearing, you will be contacted.

I want to appear before the Committee at a public hearing to give evidence. Who chooses the witnesses for public hearings?

It is a Committee decision on when and where to hold public hearings and who to invite to appear at a public hearing. You can email the Committee Secretariat to express your interest in appearing at a public hearing or indicate your interest in your submission for the Committee's consideration.

How will I know if I have been invited to appear at a public hearing?

The Committee Secretariat will contact you subject to directions from the Committee.

How do I know what is being discussed at a public hearing?

Hansard transcripts of public hearings will be made available on the Committee's website.

Public hearings may be broadcast online. A link to the hearing will be available on the day.

Questions from hearing and speech impaired people should be directed to the Parliament House TTY number on 02 6277 7799.

More information about attending public hearings is available on the Australian Parliament House website:

www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary Business/Committees/Senate/Attending a public hearing.

General

I am a journalist and want to know more about the conduct of the inquiry.

For comments suitable to publish please contact the Chair's office on 03 9639 2798 or refer to the Committee's media release published on its website.