



THE SENATE

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE COST OF LIVING

### MEDIA RELEASE

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#### Senate Committee invites members of the Western Sydney community to share their views

The Senate established the Select Committee on the Cost of Living to inquire into and report on:

- a. the cost of living pressures facing Australians;
- b. the Government's fiscal policy response to the cost of living;
- c. ways to ease cost of living pressures through the tax and transfer system;
- d. measures to ease the cost of living through the provision of Government services; and
- e. any other related matter.

The committee is due to table its final report by 30 November 2023.

The committee is holding a public hearing in Western Sydney on **Friday, 21 April 2023** at the **Holiday Inn Warwick Farm**. The committee invites members of the Western Sydney community to share their views about, and lived experience of, the cost of living pressures they face, during a community forum session from **2.20pm to 3.05pm**.

People who address the committee will be asked to give a statement of **no longer than five minutes**. Senators may ask follow-up questions after each statement has been given.

People interested in addressing the committee are encouraged to register in advance by completing the form available at:

[https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Cost\\_of\\_Living/costofliving/Community\\_Forum\\_Registration](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Cost_of_Living/costofliving/Community_Forum_Registration). People may also register on the day, by attending in person and making themselves known to the secretariat before the session starts.

Please be aware that, despite the committee's best endeavours, not everyone who wishes to address the committee may be able to do so, given the time available to the committee.

Members of the community that do not have an opportunity to directly address the committee are still encouraged to share their views and experiences via the committee's cost of living survey on its webpage. The survey takes only five minutes to complete and allows Australians to make formal submissions to the inquiry in a simple and easy to navigate way.

Further information about the inquiry is available at:

[https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Cost\\_of\\_Living](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Cost_of_Living).

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**For media comment**, please contact the office of Senator the Hon Jane Hume, Committee Chair, on 0418 556 582.

**For information about the inquiry process**, please contact the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 3547 or via email to [costofliving.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:costofliving.sen@aph.gov.au).