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Senate Select Committee on Work and Care

Call for submissions

Issue date: 10 August 2022

A Senate [Select Committee on Work and Care](#) has been established to inquire into the impact that combining work and care responsibilities has on the wellbeing of workers, carers, and those they care for.

The Chair of the Select Committee, Senator Barbara Pocock noted that most Australians will have care responsibilities at some time over their working lives – whether caring for aged parents, friends or family with disabilities, or as parents. She said that the purpose of the committee is to investigate ways in which jobs and care responsibilities can be combined to create better outcomes.

Call for submissions

The committee is seeking submissions from a wide range of people and organisations, including individuals with work and care responsibilities.

Committee Chair, Senator Pocock indicated that the committee wants to hear from people in different kinds of jobs, people with different kinds of caring responsibilities, people in cities, regional and rural locations and from First Nations communities.

“It is important that we hear from young people, people with disabilities, older people and those involved in caring for them along with workplaces, workers, managers, and researchers as well as employers, unions and professional associations,” she said.

Submissions are sought by **8 September 2022**.

Submissions can be lodged [online](#) or emailed to the secretariat at workandcare.sen@aph.gov.au

Further information for submitters

Submissions become committee documents and are made public only after a decision by the committee. Publication of submissions includes loading them onto the internet and making them available to other interested parties, including the media. You may request that your submission remains confidential or that your name is not published with your submission.

If you would like to make a submission you may find it helpful to read the guide to making a submission available on the Senate website: [Preparing a submission to an inquiry](#).

If you require special arrangements to enable you to make a submission to the inquiry, or if you have questions, or need more time to write your submission, please contact the committee secretariat. Information about the inquiry is available on the committee’s [website](#).

DATE ESTABLISHED

3 August 2022

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE

8 September 2022

REPORTING DATE

Interim report: 18 October 2022

Final report: February 2023

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