



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

**MEDIA RELEASE**  
**Senate Select Committee on COVID-19**

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**Further call for submissions**

**Issued:** 2 September 2020

The Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 has re-opened the submission period for its inquiry into the COVID-19 pandemic, noting significant public interest in the inquiry and the dynamic nature of the Australian Government's response.

The committee is examining the Australian Government's health and economic response to the pandemic.

'The committee is aware that many individuals and organisations would like to contribute to the inquiry and some people who have already made submissions would like to update information they have previously provided,' said the committee's Chair, Senator Katy Gallagher.

Senator Gallagher said 'the committee welcomes submissions from members of the public and we are grateful to the many individuals who have written to tell us about their experiences. While we are unable to provide advice or take action in relation to individual cases, these firsthand accounts are valuable in helping the committee to understand the issues arising out of the pandemic.'

'The committee is particularly interested in hearing the experiences of people who are seeking to travel overseas to visit family and loved ones, as well as those seeking to return home,' said Senator Gallagher.

### **Making a submission**

**The committee has not set a due date for submissions and has decided it will consider submissions provided throughout the inquiry.**

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](#).

Submissions can be sent using the [Senate's online submission system](#) or they can be emailed to the committee.

If you require special arrangements to enable you to make a submission to the inquiry, or if you have questions about what happens after a submission has been provided to the committee, please contact the committee secretariat.

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**For background information:** contact the committee secretariat.

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**DATE REFERRED**

8 April 2020

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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**REPORTING DATE**

30 June 2022

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Senator Katy Gallagher (Chair)  
Senator James Paterson (Deputy Chair)  
Senator Perin Davey  
Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally  
Senator Jacqui Lambie  
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## About the inquiry

Further information about the inquiry, including published submissions, is available on the committee website: [www.aph.gov.au/select\\_covid-19](http://www.aph.gov.au/select_covid-19).

## Inquiry Terms of Reference

On **8 April 2020** the Senate established the Select Committee on COVID-19 and referred the following matters to it for inquiry and report on or before **30 June 2022**:

- a. the Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- b. any related matters.

The resolution establishing the committee is available in the [Journals of the Senate No. 48](#) – Wednesday, 8 April 2020.

## Public hearings

The dates and programs for the committee's hearings are published on the [inquiry website](#), together with transcripts of past hearings.

Most committee hearings are held in public and the audio and video of each hearing is broadcast live on the internet: [www.aph.gov.au/News\\_and\\_Events/Watch\\_Parliament](http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament).