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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 to hold hearings in Sydney

The [Parliamentary Inquiry into a better family law system to support and protect those affected by family violence](#) will hold a public hearing in Sydney on Monday 31 July, including a dedicated roundtable examining accessible and affordable resolutions.

The Chair of the Committee, [Sarah Henderson MP](#) said: “High legal costs present barriers to justice in the family law system, and the roundtable will have a strong focus on the cost of justice which is emerging as a key issue in the inquiry.”

“As part of the hearing, the Committee will also hear from People with Disability Australia, Interrelate and a range of research and advocacy groups, and support services,” said Ms Henderson.

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

Public hearing details:

9.00 am to 3.30 pm, Monday 31 July  
Macquarie Room, NSW Parliament House  
6 Macquarie Street, Sydney

The hearing (audio only) 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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