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Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee

**COVID-19 Vaccination Status (Prevention of Discrimination)
Bill 2022 and the Fair Work Amendment (Prohibiting
COVID-19 Vaccine Discrimination) Bill 2023**

Issue date: 15 February 2023

Call for submissions

The Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee is calling for submissions to its inquiry into the COVID-19 Vaccination Status (Prevention of Discrimination) Bill 2022 and the Fair Work Amendment (Prohibiting COVID-19 Vaccine Discrimination) Bill 2023 by **24 March 2023**.

The COVID-19 Vaccination Status (Prevention of Discrimination) Bill 2022 seeks to prohibit discrimination by the Commonwealth, state and territory governments, statutory authorities, local governments, and private enterprises, based on a person's COVID-19 vaccination status. Information about the bill is available on the Australian Parliament House (APH) [website](#).

The Fair Work Amendment (Prohibiting COVID-19 Vaccine Discrimination) Bill 2023 seeks to amend the *Fair Work Act 2009* by adding COVID-19 vaccination status as an attribute protected from discrimination. Information about the bill is available on the APH [website](#).

If you would like to make a submission in relation these bills, 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 Education and Employment committee secretariat.

Further information about the inquiry is available on the committee's [website](#).

DATE REFERRED

9 February 2023

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE

24 March 2023

REPORTING DATE

21 June 2023

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