



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**

Review into bullying in the workplace

*Chair: Ms Amanda Rishworth MP
Deputy Chair: Mr Rowan Ramsey MP*

REVIEW INTO BULLYING IN THE WORKPLACE

Workplace bullying inquiry travels to Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart in July

The Education and Employment Committee will take evidence in Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart on 10, 11 and 12 July 2012 to take evidence on workplace bullying. The Committee will hear from representatives of law societies, unions, industry groups, organisational psychologists, workplace consultants, academic experts, community groups as well as individuals who have experienced bullying in their workplaces.

The Committee Chair, Ms Amanda Rishworth MP, said 'The Committee has received a strong response to its call for written submissions and is now seeking to explore issues associated with workplace bullying in greater detail.'

'The Minister has asked us to complement work currently under way to develop a *Code of Practice: Preventing and Responding to Workplace Bullying* and initiatives by state and territory governments' she said.

As well as the formal public program available on the inquiry website, the Committee has set time to hear from individuals about their experiences of bullying in the workplace. To encourage maximum participation by individuals, who may be reluctant to be publicly identified, the media will not be permitted to report these individual impact statements and none of the statements provided to the Committee will be published. Others wishing to make statements or observe proceedings will be allowed to be present in the room.

Ms Rishworth said, 'Bullying has serious consequences for individuals and the wider community. Every Australian has a right to feel safe and respected at work. While it is not the role of the Committee to intervene in or consider individual cases, we welcome submissions from employers, employees and their representative organisations regarding proposals and suggestions for securing workplaces against bullying at a national level.'

For media comment: contact the Committee Chair, Ms Amanda Rishworth MP on 0416 086 019.

For information on the inquiry: contact the Secretariat on (02) 6277 4578 email workplacebullying.reps@aph.gov.au or visit the inquiry's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/workplacebullying>

SYDNEY

Date: Tuesday, 10 July 2012

Venue: Macquarie Room, Parliament of New South Wales

Time:

9:30am	WorkCover NSW
10:00am	Australian Industry Group
10:45am	Australian Federal Employers and Industries
11:15am	Unions New South Wales and National Tertiary Education Union (UNSW Branch)
12:45pm	Law Society of New South Wales
1:15pm	Keryl Egan and Associates
2:00pm	Impact Statements

MELBOURNE

Date: Wednesday, 11 July 2012

Venue: Legislative Council Room, Victorian Parliament

Time:

8:30am	ACCI
9:00am	Headspace
9:30am	Law Institute of Victoria
10:00am	Australian Council of Trade Unions
10:45am	Centre for Regulatory Studies, Faculty of Law, Monash University
11:15am	DC Workplace Consulting
12:45pm	Bully Blocking
1:15pm	National Centre Against Bullying
2:00pm	Business in Mind
2:30pm	Damian and Rae Panlock
3:00pm	Impact Statements

HOBART

Date: Thursday, 12 July 2012

Venue: Tasmania Legislative Council

Time:

11:30am	Unions Tasmania
12:00pm	Challenge Bullying
1:00pm	Workplace Standards Tasmania
1:30pm	Impact Statements

Webcast: Live on http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament (audio only) Please note that Impact statements will not be broadcast.