

Commonwealth entities and Parliamentary Committee consultations, inquiries, and reviews as of Friday 11 August 2023

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| Senate Standing Committees on Economics | Inquiry into insurers' responses to 2022 major floods claims | <p>The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Economics commenced an inquiry into insurers' responses to 2022 major floods claims.</p> <p>If you would like to share with the committee your experience with flood insurance in Australia in 2022 and inform the public debate, the committee will post an online survey – a simple, quick and accessible way to share that experience – to this website.</p> | Online survey to be posted soon, submissions will be accepted also. | To be determined (TBD) |
| Senate Standing Committees on Economics | Residential Electrification | The Senate referred an inquiry into residential electrification to the Senate Economics References Committee for inquiry and report by the last sitting day of 2024. | 29 September 2023 | TBD |
| Australian Competition and Consumer Commission | Consultation on ACCC's draft principles-based guidance to assist businesses in making environmental and sustainability claims | <p>The ACCC has released draft principles-based guidance to assist businesses making environmental claims. The guidance sets out steps that businesses can follow. This is to ensure that claims are true, accurate and easy for consumers to understand. The guidance includes examples of good practice, as well as examples which may mislead consumers. The ACCC would like to hear feedback from small business and consumer groups on the guidance. The consultation process will help the ACCC assess if the guidance addresses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - common difficulties businesses face when making environmental claims | 15-Sep-23 | Submitting |

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| | | - common issues consumers face in understanding what environmental claims mean. | | |
| Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs | The worsening rental crisis in Australia | The Senate referred an inquiry into the worsening rental crisis in Australia to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report, with an interim report to be presented by 23 September 2023 to aid in the deliberations of the National Cabinet on renters' rights, and a final report to be presented by 28 November 2023. | 1 September 2023 | TBD |
| Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet | NDIS Review | In undertaking the review, they want to hear from participants, their families and carers; representative organisations, workers and providers; and the wider disability community to better understand the issues you face with the NDIS. We want to know your ideas and solutions on how the NDIS can work better for you. Your insights will help form the Reviews recommendations we present to government. | 25 August 2023 | Not submitting |
| Senate Standing Committees on Education and Employment | Higher Education Support Amendment (Response to the Australian Universities Accord Interim Report) Bill 2023 [Provisions] | The Senate referred the provisions of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Response to the Australian Universities Accord Interim Report) Bill 2023 to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 13 September 2023. | 25 August 2023 | Not submitting |
| Department of Industry, Science and Resources | Updating Australia's Critical Minerals List: issues paper | The Department seeks responses to an issues paper to inform the updated Critical Minerals List. The issues paper includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> background on the list, its purpose and how it relates to Australia's Critical Minerals Strategy scope of the update | 17 August 2023 | Not submitting |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> questions to consider in your submission. | | |
| Australian Competition and Consumer Commission | Digital Platform Services Inquiry – March 2024 report on data brokers | <p>In early July 2023, the ACCC released an Issues Paper for the eighth interim report of the inquiry. This report will consider potential competition and consumer benefits and risks in relation to data collection, storage, supply, processing, and analysis services supplied by data brokers in Australia.</p> <p>The Issues Paper seeks written submissions from interested parties, to assist the ACCC in understanding the nature of the data broker industry in Australia and any related competition and consumer issues that may arise. We are planning to focus primarily on the activities of third-party data brokers, meaning businesses that collect information about consumers from a range of third-party sources (rather than directly from consumers) and sell or share that data with others.</p> | Closed | Not submitting |
| Department of Industry, Science and Resources | Country of origin labelling for seafood in hospitality settings: regulation impact statement | <p>DISR seeks feedback on its regulation impact statement for seafood country of origin labelling (CoOL). DISR seeks feedback on the 2 proposed options for seafood CoOL that would require hospitality businesses to show either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> whether the seafood is from Australia (A), imported (I) or a mix of Australian and imported seafood ingredients (M) which country the seafood is from. | Closed | Submitted |
| Department of Industry, Science and Resources | Industry Growth Program consultation paper | <p>The Department of Industry, Science and Resources (DISR) will engage expert advisers to work with participating businesses to directly help them achieve their potential with multi-layered support. A second</p> | Closed | Submitted |

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| | | source of expert advice and support will also be available from industry partner organisations. Some innovative SMEs will also be able to apply for grants under the program, ranging from \$50,000 to \$5 million. We are seeking your views on the development and implementation of the Industry Growth Program. | | |
| Treasury | Climate-related financial disclosure: Second consultation | <p>The Government is seeking views on proposed positions for the detailed implementation and sequencing of standardised, internationally-aligned requirements for disclosing climate-related financial risks and opportunities in Australia.</p> <p>In particular, views are sought on whether the proposed positions relating to coverage, content, framework and liability are workable. In line with the policy principles outlined in the paper, this consultation seeks to ensure the new requirements are proportionately targeted and provide sufficient clarity as to the requirements of the regime.</p> | Closed | Submitted |
| Jobs and Skills Australia | Work plan development process consultation paper | The work plan will guide us in undertaking our functions which are focussed on improving skills development, employment opportunities and economic growth. This is particularly important in the current economic environment where a shortage of skilled workers is one of the biggest economic challenges currently facing Australia. It is also important when looking ahead to emerging and future workforce skills and training needs. | Closed | Submitted |
| Department of the Treasury | Independent evaluation of the JobKeeper payment | The purpose of this consultation is to seek feedback on the JobKeeper Payment, including the objectives and design of the Payment, the implementation and | Closed | Submitted |

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| | | <p>integrity of JobKeeper and the effects and outcomes of the Payment.</p> <p>The evaluation team is particularly interested in receiving submissions covering the lived experience of businesses and employees with JobKeeper and data and analyses of the impacts of the Payment.</p> <p>Commentary on alternative policy options and international evidence would also be appreciated.</p> | | |
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