

Guide to appearing before the committee

Committees often hold public hearings. People who are invited to attend a public hearing are referred to as witnesses. These hearings provide the opportunity for people to speak directly to the committees



Who can participate in a hearing?

Anyone can appear as a witness. The committee can also extend invitations to individuals. If you do participate in a hearing, you will be required to provide your contact details and any other relevant information. You are welcome to bring a support person with you.



What happens at a public hearing?

Witnesses are asked to arrive 10 - 15 minutes before their scheduled time. When it is your time to speak, the Chair of the committee will call you to the table. A name plate will indicate where to sit. The Chair will ask you to tell the committee your name and you will be asked to talk to the committee about what's important to you.



Regional hearings

Regional hearings are not usually broadcast but are recorded. After the hearing, a draft transcript will be published online, and you will be sent a copy and asked to provide any corrections. Once all corrections have been made, the final transcript will be published.



Presenting documents

If you have a document you think would be helpful for the committee's inquiry, you may present it to the committee. The committee will decide whether to accept the document and authorise it with your permission, for publication.

Issues to reflect on

Do you like living at your current accommodation, or would you like to see change? How well do you think the place is run?

Have you ever been unhappy about something at your place and lodged a complaint? How was this experience?

Do you feel like you have much choice in your life? What sort of decisions do you get to make?

After paying rent, do you have money for activities? What sort of things do you do?

If you receive an NDIS package, were you given options for different providers to deliver your NDIS supports?

Can you tell us about the quality of care you receive at your place?