



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION
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Terms of Reference

Inquiry into Loneliness and Social Isolation in the ACT

The Committee has resolved to inquire into the following matters:

- a) The prevalence of loneliness and isolation in the ACT community.
- b) Experiences of loneliness and social isolation among residents of the ACT, including but not limited to seniors, young people, people with a disability, parents, carers, LGBTIQ+ people, and recently arrived migrants and refugees.
- c) The personal and social costs associated with loneliness and social isolation in the ACT, including the impact of loneliness and social isolation on mental and physical health.
- d) Opportunities for the ACT Government to support organisations and individuals to address loneliness and social isolation and improve social connectedness in the ACT community.
- e) Opportunities for the ACT Government to integrate improving social connectedness into other areas of policy making.
- f) Any other related matters.