



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY
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MEDIA RELEASE

Hearing on Inquiry into Petition 32-21

Today the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety will hold a public hearing for the Inquiry into Petition 32-21.

The petition calls on the Assembly to amend the Human Rights Act 2004 to:

- ‘Enable a complaint about any breach of the Human Rights Act to be made to the Human Rights Commission for confidential conciliation, and
- if conciliation is unsuccessful, enable a complaint about a breach of the Human Rights Act to be made to the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal for resolution.’

Such a proposal would supplement the Human Rights Commission’s existing complaints powers.

Visitors are welcome to observe the proceedings, between 11am – 5pm, in the Prince Edward Island Room at the Legislative Assembly building on London Circuit (COVID-Safe restrictions apply).

A video recording will be available afterwards at <http://aod.parliament.act.gov.au/>

Appearing at today’s hearing include the following witnesses:

- Minister for Human Rights
- Australian Lawyers for Human Rights
- Canberra Community Law
- Human Rights Commission
- Civil Liberties Australia
- ACT Policing
- ACT Ombudsman

The hearing schedule is available at: [Public hearings schedule - ACT Legislative Assembly](#)

Thursday 28 April 2022

STATEMENT ENDS.

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