



## Media Release

### *Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality*

Friday, 24 January 2024

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The Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality will conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of an inquiry into the gender and equality impacts of the proposed payment of compensation in the Expungement of Historical Offences Bill 2024.

The Committee will conduct the public hearing on Tuesday, 28 January next. A schedule of those appearing before the Committee is attached.

On 20 November 2024 the Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality received the following referral from the Legislative Council: -

“That the Expungement of Historic Offences Amendment Bill 2024 be referred to the Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality for consideration and report on matters related to gender and equality impacts of the proposed payment of compensation under the Bill.”

The hearing will also be broadcast, and can be accessed via the following links:

<https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/broadcasting-links/joint-sessional-committee-on-gender-and-equality-expungement-of-historical-offences-amendment-bill-2024-inquiry-tuesday-28-january-2025-at-830am>

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<b>Inquiry</b>	<b>“Expungement of Historical Offences Amendment Bill 2024 Inquiry”.</b>
<b>Dates and times:</b>	Tuesday, 28 January 2024, Committee Room 1, Parliament House, commencing at 8.30 am.
	<b>Broadcast:</b> <a href="https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/broadcasting-links/joint-sessional-committee-on-gender-and-equality-expungement-of-historical-offences-amendment-bill-2024-inquiry-tuesday-28-january-2025-at-830am">https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/broadcasting-links/joint-sessional-committee-on-gender-and-equality-expungement-of-historical-offences-amendment-bill-2024-inquiry-tuesday-28-january-2025-at-830am</a>

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For further information, please contact the Chair of the Committee, Hon. Ruth Forrest MLC, on 0419 879 524.

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**Joint Sessional Committee on Gender & Equality**  
**Expungement of Historical Offences Amendment Bill 2024 Inquiry**  
**Committee Hearing Schedule**

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**Date:** Tuesday 28 January 2025 (8.30 a.m. –12.30 p.m.)

**Venue:** Parliament House Hobart - Committee Room 1

8.30 a.m. to 10 a.m.	<p>Hon. Guy Barnett MP - Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Treasurer, Minister for Justice (via Webex)</p> <p>Bruce Paterson – Director Strategic Legislation and Policy, Department of Justice (via Webex)</p> <p>Meegan Essex – Principal Legislation and Policy Officer, Department of Justice (via Webex)</p> <p>Brad Wagg – Director Policy and Stakeholder Engagement, Department of Justice (via Webex)</p> <p>Submission No. 1</p>
10.15 a.m. to 11.15 a.m.	<p>Dr Rosalie Woodruff MP, Leader of the Tasmanian Greens</p> <p>Thomas Whitton, Senior Policy Advisor</p> <p>Submission No. 2</p>
11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	<p>Equality Tasmania</p> <p>Rodney Croome – Policy Officer</p> <p>Submission No. 3</p>

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