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BIO'S	BIO'S		
Name	Dr Julie Smith		
Title	Chair of Webinar, Honorary Associate Professor, Australian National University		
Bio	Honorary Associate Professor Julie Smith (B Ec (Hons)/B A (Asian Studies), PhD) is an awarded Australian Research Council Future Fellow at the Research School of Population Health, Australian National University. She is also a Fellow of the Tax and Transfer Policy Institute at the ANU Crawford School of Public Policy. Previously she held ARC and NHMRC funded appointments at the School of Regulation and Global Governance (Regnet), and the Australian Centre for Economic Research on Health (ACERH). Her research focusses on gender analysis, taxation policy, and economic aspects of breastfeeding, with more than 60 peer reviewed articles, book chapters and books. She has been an expert advisor to the World Health Organization and the US Department of Health and Human Services, the Australian Department of Health, and to national and international NGOs including ACOSS, UNICEF UK, IBFAN, and WABA. She is a co-founder of WBTi Australia, and a former director of the Australian Breastfeeding Association. Previously, she was a senior economist in the Australian and New Zealand treasuries and the Parliamentary Research Service in Canberra.		
Name	Ms Naomi Hull		
Title	Co-Chair of Webinar, WBTIAUS Coordinator		
Bio	Naomi Hull has a clinical background as a RN and IBCLC. She has completed a MPH and currently a PhD Candidate at the University of Sydney, and the National Co-ordinator of the World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative Australian team. She has been a volunteer Breastfeeding Counsellor with the Australian Breastfeeding Association since 2006 and has held a variety of leadership roles there. Naomi's study during her MPH lead to her interest in the 'bigger picture' and for this reason chose to look at the implementation of the Australian National Breastfeeding Strategy (2010-2015) as the topic of her Dissertation. This then led onto her current work using the World Breastfeeding Trends initiative tool to benchmark Australia's policies and programs on infant feeding. She has lead the WBTi Australia team to undertake two assessments of Australia most recently in 2023. Naomi feels strongly about finding a way to ensure the protection and fulfilment of the rights of women and children to access information and support their food security and nutrition.		











Name	The Hon. Emma Hurst MLC
Title	Chair of New South Wales Select Committee on Birth Trauma
Bio	Emma Hurst is an MP from the Animal Justice Party, elected to the Legislative Council of New South Wales Parliament. A former psychologist, Emma has worked tirelessly for the rights of humans and animals, with a background in campaigning, political lobbying, and media work.  In 2021, Emma founded the 'Parliamentary Friends of Women's Health' to bring a spotlight to under-recognised issues affecting women in the healthcare system. A primary focus of Emma's work in this space has been advocating for greater awareness of the impacts of obstetric violence and birth trauma, as well as endometriosis and adenomyosis. In 2023, she established the world-first Parliamentary Inquiry into Birth Trauma which is ongoing.
Name	Mr Charles Maskell-Knight PSM
Title	Health Policy Expert, former Assistant Secretary, Department of Health
Bio	Charles Maskell-Knight PSM worked at a senior level in the Commonwealth Department of Health for 25 years. He contributed to policy development and program implementation across a wide range of areas, including MBS and PBS, private health insurance, medical indemnity, therapeutic goods regulation, and oral health. He also served as chief of staff to a junior health minister.
	Charles was involved in the development, negotiation and implementation of the 1998, 2003, and 2011 Commonwealth-state public hospital funding agreements. The 2011 agreement embedded activity based funding as the mechanism for calculating Commonwealth payments to the states for public hospitals, and the key features of that agreement still underpin current arrangements.
	Charles was awarded the Public Service Medal in 2013 for his contribution to Commonwealth-state relations in health.  Since retiring in 2021, he writes regularly on health and aged care issues for Croakey health media, and compiles the weekly column The Zap summarising health and aged care news.











Name	Monica Costa
Title	Visiting Research Fellow, Adelaide University
Bio	Dr Monica Costa is an economist and gender and development researcher with a particular focus on the application of Gender-Responsive Budgeting. Her book - Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) in Fragile States: The case of Timor-Leste - is the first international publication addressing the potential of gender budgeting in fragile state contexts. She has published widely in leading journals and has worked on gender issues in Australia, Portugal, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands, and Indonesia. She has worked with a range of partners including the Australian aid program, UN agencies, and International NGOs. In 2008 she was an adviser to the Timor-Leste Secretary of State for the Promotion of Equality, and over the years she has been engaged in a variety of regional training course on Gender-Responsive Budgeting, and Women in Politics.
Name	Dr Karleen Gribble
Title	Adjunct Associate Professor, Western Sydney University
Bio	Dr Karleen Gribble (BRurSc, PhD) is an Adjunct Associate Professor in the School of Nursing and Midwifery at Western Sydney University. Her research interests include children's rights, child-caregiver and caregiver-child attachment, parenting of children with a history of trauma, and the treatment of infants and young children within the child protection, immigration detention and criminal justice systems. She has published research on these subjects in peer-reviewed professional psychological, social work, and health journals and engaged in the training of health professionals, social workers, and humanitarian workers on these subjects. Karleen has written many reports for court regarding the breastfeeding rights and attachment needs of children whose mothers are interacting with the child protection or criminal justice systems. She is also an Australian Breastfeeding Association Community Educator and Counsellor.
Name	Dr Andini Pramono
Title	PostDoc Research fellow, Australian National University
Bio	Andini Pramono has just graduated her PhD at the ANU last year. Using mixed-methods, her PhD thesis examined the facilitator and barriers of BFHI in Australia and Indonesia. The quantitative part was measuring the social value of BFHI accreditation and implementation in two hospitals in Australia and Indonesia, while the qualitative part was examining its barriers and facilitators from midwives and nurses' perspectives. These have been published as 6 peerreviewed papers in various international journals. During her PhD, she also involved in ANU's Breastfeeding Friendly Workplace Accreditation working group and was awarded Deeble Summer Research Scholarship from Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA)













	with the outcome of a policy brief titled "Improving the uptake of the Baby Friendly Health Initiative in Australian hospitals".
	Andini is an International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant since 2017 and currently is Head of Research Division at the Indonesian Breastfeeding Mothers Association.
Name	Professor Jenny Gamble
Title	Professor of Midwifery and Clinical Chair, Coventry University and University Hospitals of Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust
Bio	Professor Jenny Gamble is a midwife with a strong commitment improving the health and well-being of childbearing women, babies, families and communities. She is a long-term advocate for maternity services reform. She has a strong background in maternity research, midwifery education, clinical practice, professional leadership, and innovation. In August 2021, she migrated from Brisbane, Australia to join Coventry University and UHCW.
	Previously, she was Professor and Head of Midwifery at Griffith University. Her clinical career includes establishing a private midwifery practice in Brisbane, working clinically as a midwife in tertiary services, and remote area nursing in NW Australia. Her research program is clinically significant, interdisciplinary and actively engages maternity consumers. She has diverse research interests including value-based health care, models of maternity care, perinatal mental health, workforce wellbeing, and education resulting in over 190 peer reviewed published papers, and over \$10mill of research funding since 2010.
	In 2019, she led the development of the Transforming Maternity Care Collaborative (TMCC). The Collaborative aims to drive the reform of maternity services to provide universal access to community-based, midwife-led continuity of carer that is centred around respecting women's choices. Education is a key strategy for translating evidence into practice, so she designed and led the implementation of an innovative Bachelor of Midwifery program, CPD and a Master of Primary Maternity Care. These high-demand, awarded, and renown programs build capacity for midwives to work to their full scope of practice, to critique and apply the evidence, and to contribute to the generation of new knowledge. To enable collective action to influence the quality of midwifery education, she conceptualised and co-created the Trans-Tasman Midwifery Education Consortium (TTMEC). TTMEC has university members across Australia and New Zealand and provides leadership and strategic direction to drive progressive, high quality, evidence informed midwifery education.











Name	Mr Alessandro Iellamo
Title	Senior emergency nutrition adviser, FHI 360
Bio	Alessandro Iellamo is the senior emergency nutrition adviser for Family Health International 360 (Fhi360) supporting and a maternal, infant, and young child nutrition specialist. He has extensive expertise in nutrition and infant and young child feeding (IYCF) policies and practices, particularly in emergencies, the WHO International Code, BFHI, the Operational Guidance for Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies and other global tools. He has worked with the WHO's Scientific and Technical Advisory Group (STAG) on the International Code and assisted the International Baby Food Action Network with the development of the World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative (WBTI) and the World Breastfeeding Costing Tool (WBCi) and IYCF policy tools. He has also been involved in research on maternal, IYCF policies, practices, and programmes, including work environments, International Code implementation, and financial aspects of the WHO/UNICEF Global Strategy on IYCF. His expertise in nutrition, emergency nutrition, and IYCF has supported humanitarian work in Africa, the Middle East and South Asia and South-East Asia. He has led the development of recent IYCF-E tools and guidance documents and facilitated international and national policies and guidance development processes. Recently, he has been engaged with IYCF related policy issues in high-income countries including Ukraine, Poland, Italy, Australia, and Japan. Alessandro has led the planning, organization and facilitation of webinars and workshops, including the independent dialogue hosted by the Institute for Climate, Energy & Disaster Solutions and the ANU Gender Institute at the Australian National University. At the same time has provide support for the development of the Mother's Milk Tool and the ongoing development of the Green Feeding Tool.
Name	Miranda Stewart
Title	Professor of Law, University of Melbourne Law School
Bio	Miranda Stewart is Professor of Law at the University of Melbourne Law School and an Honorary Professor at the Tax and Transfer Policy Institute at the Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University. Miranda was the inaugural Director of the Institute from 2014 to 2017. Miranda has many years of research, practical and leadership experience in tax law and policy in academia, government and the private sector, including gender budgeting and fiscal federalism. Miranda has an enduring interest in the resilience, legitimacy and fairness of tax systems to support good government.