

Shadow minister for financial services Clare O'Neil, who is leading Labor's "roundtables" for victims of the banks and other financial institutions, says the ALP exercise will give a voice to people in areas the Royal Commission hasn't had time to visit.

"There's vast swathes of the country where the commission hasn't been at all," she tells The Conversation. "I just utterly reject that this is a political exercise", she says in answer to government criticism.

O'Neil says she has "a lot of confidence" in Commissioner Kenneth Hayne but is concerned that with only four months until the final report there have not yet been any policy proposals. "It's just that I think we will get to a better result if the government gives the commissioner more time."

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