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Public hearings resume for homelessness inquiry

The Council to Homeless Persons, The Salvation Army, St Vincent’s Hospital and Launch Housing will be presenting their views on the effect of COVID-19 when the parliamentary inquiry into homelessness resumes public hearings on Wednesday, 20 May 2020.

The Legislative Council’s Legal and Social Issues Committee commenced public hearings for its inquiry last year, but since mid-March hearings have been postponed until now due to the COVID-19 emergency.

“So much has changed since we commenced this inquiry and it’s important that we hear from organisations working at the frontline responding to homelessness at this time,” Committee Chair Fiona Patten said.

Wednesday’s hearing will be held completely online and will be streamed live on the Victorian Parliament’s [website](#) from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

“There has been increased pressure on the services offered by these organisations and we want to hear first-hand about their experiences and their suggestions on what is now required in responding to homelessness,” Ms Patten said.

A total of 390 submissions have been received for the inquiry and are available to read on the Committee’s [website](#) along with [transcripts](#) from the hearings held last year and earlier this year.

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