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Final hearing for access to TAFE inquiry

The Legislative Assembly Economy and Infrastructure Committee will hold its final hearing for the inquiry into access to TAFE for learners with disability next Tuesday May 11.

The Committee will hear from a range of interest groups and organisations with expertise in dyslexia, mental health, Asperger's, autism and deafness.

The public hearing will be broadcast live on the Victorian Parliament's [website](#) from 9:30 am to 3:15 pm on Tuesday May 11.

Witnesses include a TAFE student whose submission outlines his struggle to have the appropriate campus modifications implemented to accommodate his vision impairment.

The Committee will also hear from Shae Wissell, Dr Judith Hudson and Christine MacJouvelet from Dear Dyslexic, Gina Chinnery, Associate Director, Employment and Education Partnerships at youth mental health organisation Orygen, Amy Whalley from the Australian Network on Disability, Catherine Dunn and Olivia Beasley from Deaf Victoria and a range of others.

The agenda, submissions to the inquiry and transcripts of earlier hearings are available on the Committee's [website](#).

The Committee is assessing the effectiveness of current government and TAFE policies as well as strategies used in Victoria and interstate to increase the participation of learners with disability in TAFE. It will also examine the types of training and support Victorian TAFE teachers need to maximise the learning experiences of students with disability.

The inquiry will table its report by September 2021.

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