



Media release

Select Committee on Early Education and Care Sector in Victoria

Child protection bodies to give evidence at inquiry hearing

The Legislative Council Select Committee will meet again on Tuesday 10 March and Wednesday 11 March to continue its inquiry into the early childhood education and care sector in Victoria, with public hearings across the two days next week.

The focus of Tuesday's hearing will be on child protection bodies, including the National Survivors Foundation, and concluding the day with the National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

On Wednesday the hearing will include Ngaweeyan Maar-oo, an organisation that specialises in closing the gap of inequalities for First Nations peoples. This will be followed by childcare bodies, including Guardian Childcare & Education and Only About Children as the Committee receives further evidence from major stakeholders across the early childhood education and care sector.

All hearings will be open to the public and broadcast live on the Committee's [website](#) from 9:15 am to 4:10 pm. The full schedule of witnesses is available on the website, along with submissions received.

“Protecting children requires every part of the sector working together. This inquiry will help identify where the system is falling short and what must change to keep children safe, as children deserve the highest standards of care,” said Select Committee Chair, Anasina Gray-Barberio.

The Select Committee was formed in response to significant concerns about child safety and gaps in regulatory oversight within early childhood education and care. Its work focuses on whether existing quality and safety standards are fit for purpose and how well educator training and qualifications are monitored. It is also looking more broadly at workforce conditions and the implications of a sector that is largely run by private providers.

The Committee will present an interim report in early 2026 and a final report to Parliament by 30 July 2026.

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