



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA
Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee – Legislative Council

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Hearings scheduled for inquiry into children of imprisoned parents

The Legislative Council's Legal and Social Issues Committee will hold two days of hearings this week in its inquiry examining the impact of parental incarceration on children.

A range of Australian and international organisations that advocate for and support families of incarcerated people will appear from 10 am on Wednesday March 30.

This includes representatives of Kinship Carers Victoria and Grandparents Victoria, Deadly Connections, an organisation that works to address the over-representation of Aboriginal people in the child protection and justice system, Professor Thalia Anthony from the University of Technology Sydney, the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA), Transforming Corrections to Transform Lives, Griffith Criminology Institute, Griffith University and the Children Affected by Parental Offending (CAPO) Steering Group.

On Thursday March 31 from 9 am the Committee will hear from Families Outside, a Scottish organisation that advocates for children with incarcerated parents, SHINE for Kids, which supports children and young people affected by the criminal justice system, Dr Catherine Flynn from the Department of Social Work, Monash University, Flat Out Inc, a homelessness support service for women and representatives of the Victorian Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (VACRO).

The full schedule of more than twenty witnesses is available on the Committee's [website](#).

The hearing will be [live broadcast](#) on Parliament's website.

The Committee will examine existing policies and services available for children affected by parental incarceration. It will consider available models in Victoria and other jurisdictions and examine their effectiveness. The Committee will report back to Parliament by 1 July 2022.

The terms of reference and details on how to make a [submission](#) are available on the Committee's website.

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