



# Media release

## Legal and Social Issues Committee

### Two days of hearings set for registered organ and tissue donor inquiry

The Legislative Assembly's Legal and Social Issues Committee will hold two days of public hearings next week for its Inquiry into increasing the number of registered organ and tissue donors in Victoria.

The hearings will take place on Monday 24 July and Tuesday 25 July.

A range of witnesses will appear on Monday from 9:45 am including the Leukaemia Foundation, Monash Bioethics Centre, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Australia and New Zealand Intensive Care Society's Death and Organ Donation Committee, and the Organ and Tissue Donation Team from St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne.

Monday's hearing will conclude at 3:45 pm.

On Tuesday from 11:30 am the Committee will discuss with Dr Paul Secombe, Senior Specialist Clinician Intensive Care Unit, Central Australia Health Service and Aboriginal Liaison Officers, their experiences of organ donation. The Committee will also hear from Professor Gregory Snell, an authority on lung transplants, Transplant Australia, Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation and the United Kingdom's National Health Service Blood and Transplant. Laws relating to organ donation differ across UK countries, but they have all moved to opt-out registration systems.

Tuesday's hearing will conclude at 4:45 pm.

The full hearing schedules, terms of reference and other inquiry information are available on the Committee's [website](#).

The hearings will be available to watch via [live stream](#).

Victoria has the second lowest registration rate of all states and territories, despite most Australians supporting organ and tissue donation. Through hearings, the Committee is seeking to identify different ways to increase the number of registered donors in Victoria.

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