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Select Committee on the 2026 Commonwealth Games Bid

Games cancellation inquiry launches public hearings

The Victorian parliamentary probe into the handling of the cancelled regional Victorian 2026 Commonwealth Games will hold its first public hearings next week.

You can [watch the live broadcast](#) of the Legislative Council Select Committee from 10:40 am on Monday 9 October and 9 am on Friday 13 October.

Government representatives have been called to appear at the hearings on behalf of:

- Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Department of Treasury and Finance
- Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions
- Department of Families, Fairness and Housing.

The former Office of the Commonwealth Games and organising committee Victoria 2026 are scheduled Monday.

Tourism and events body Visit Victoria and regulator Environment Protection Authority will also be represented at Friday's hearing.

"There are many questions around the cancellation of the 2026 Commonwealth Games in regional Victoria and we will be seeking answers from those closest to the organising process," Committee Chair David Limbrick said.

"We'll be interrogating the advice provided to government, taking a sharp look at the governance, probity and procurement of this event."

The inquiry is also evaluating the impacts of the Games' cancellation on Victoria's reputation, as well as the state's business and tourism sectors.

People can still [make a submission](#) as part of the inquiry until Monday 23 October 2023.

The Victorian Legislative Council Select Committee has nine members, including three MPs each from the Government, Opposition and Crossbench.

It intends to hold further hearings before providing an interim report to parliament by 30 April 2024. A final report is due by April 2025.

For more information about the inquiry go to the [Committee's website](#).