

Hearing set for inquiry into renewable and affordable energy for apartments

The Legislative Assembly Environment and Planning Committee will hold a public hearing as part of its inquiry into renewable and affordable energy for apartments on Tuesday 24 March.

The inquiry is examining the barriers and inequities faced by apartment residents in accessing renewable and affordable energy, as well as options to improve access for people living in multi-unit developments.

The hearing will be [broadcast](#) live from 9:15 am to 3:30 pm and feature a series of expert panels, including representatives from renewable energy and environment organisations such as the Smart Energy Council, Environment Victoria, and the Energy Efficiency Council.

Other panels will bring together community energy advocates, alongside academic experts, energy installers, representatives of owners corporations and strata managers, tenants, unions and community groups. Apartment residents will also share their experiences.

Infrastructure Victoria's CEO Dr Jonathan Spear will appear alongside Deputy CEO Jill Riseley.

The uptake of residential solar systems in Victoria has primarily been confined to detached housing, typically inhabited by older owner-occupiers with higher incomes.

Witnesses will present a range of alternative and emerging solutions, including solar sharing models, facade-mounted solar, battery storage solutions and virtual energy networks.

These options aim to improve access to clean, affordable energy for apartment residents while reducing energy costs and emissions.

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