



# Media release

## Legislative Assembly Economy and Infrastructure Committee

### Warrnambool and Geelong hearings for student pathways inquiry

Regional Victoria is the focus of two upcoming public hearings this week for the inquiry into student pathways to in-demand industries.

The Legislative Assembly Economy and Infrastructure Committee will travel to Warrnambool on Wednesday 25 March and Geelong on Thursday 26 March 2026.

You can watch the live broadcast of the hearings online, or attend in person via the public galleries.

In Warrnambool, South West TAFE, Beyond the Bell Great South Coast, Neil Porter Legacy, South West LLEN, Midfield Group and Youth Affairs Council Victoria are scheduled to give evidence throughout the morning.

In the afternoon, Standing Tall in Warrnambool, Westvic Staffing Solutions and Timboon P-12 School will be represented.

The following day in Geelong, a panel comprised of business groups including Geelong Chamber of Commerce, Geelong Manufacturing Council, Gforce and Symal Group is scheduled.

A separate panel involving organisations which support young people, such as Western Chances, You thrive Victoria and Meli will also take place.

A range of other witnesses, including Strong Brother Strong Sister, Cultura Youth Council, Farm My School and Cloverdale Community Centre are due to appear throughout the afternoon.

“Regional Victoria has been a major focus of our inquiry as we held previous public hearings, including a youth roundtable where we heard directly from young adults from across the state about the lived experiences of their peers,” Committee Chair Alison Marchant said.

The Warrnambool hearing will be held at South West TAFE Warrnambool, 193/197-205 Timor Street and the Geelong hearing will be held at The Gordon, Geelong City Campus in Gordon Avenue.

For the full hearing schedules go to the [Committee’s website](#).

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