



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

MEDIA RELEASE

Spent convictions inquiry to hear from diverse groups

On Monday 1 July 2019, a range of organisations will present evidence to the Legislative Council's Legal and Social Issues Committee inquiry into spent convictions at a public hearing to be held at Parliament House.

“We are hearing from individuals affected by their conviction long after it occurred and peak bodies including a legal service, an Aboriginal corporation and the police association,” Committee Chair Fiona Patten said.

“This is an important issue and we are fortunate to be receiving advice from those working in the field,” Ms Patten said.

The public hearing will be held in the Legislative Council Committee Room commencing at 9:00 am.

For those not able to attend, the hearing will be broadcast live on the Victorian Parliament’s [website](#).

The schedule for the hearing is available from the Committee's [website](#).

Under the inquiry's terms of reference, the Committee is investigating the need for and potential impact of a spent convictions scheme, including the types of criminal records that should be capable of being spent and the mechanism by which convictions become spent.

Victoria is currently the only state in Australia that does not have a spent convictions scheme.

For media inquiries contact the Committee Secretary on 0417322053.

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