

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

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First hearing on legislated spent convictions scheme

On Wednesday 29 May, the Victorian Legislative Council's Legal and Social Issues Committee will be holding the first public hearing for its inquiry into a legislated spent convictions scheme.

The Law Institute of Victoria, a key stakeholder for the inquiry, will be presenting at the public hearing, which will take place from 7:30 pm in the Legislative Council Committee Room at Parliament House.

Under the inquiry's <u>terms of reference</u>, 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.

Submissions to the inquiry can be made until 9 July 2019, with the Committee due to report by August this year.

Hearing details and more information on the inquiry are available from the Committee's website.

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