

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

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I Cook Foods inquiry adds extra public hearing

A parliamentary inquiry into the closure of I Cook Foods Pty Ltd has added an extra day to its public hearing schedule this week.

The Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee will now hear evidence on Wednesday 1 September and Thursday 2 September via Zoom.

Officials from the City of Greater Dandenong Council including CEO John Bennie will appear before the Committee from 2:30pm-4:30pm Wednesday.

Representatives of the Department of Health including Chief Health Officer Professor Brett Sutton will answer questions from 1:30pm-3pm Thursday.

They will be followed by former Minister for Health Jenny Mikakos from 3pm.

"It is important we speak to these witnesses so we can address the allegations raised through the media and in our previous public hearings held last week," Committee Chair Fiona Patten said.

The inquiry was reopened on 24 June 2021 after new evidence was made public about the closure of I Cook Foods.

This week's hearings will be <u>live broadcast</u> and the full schedules, along with transcripts and other information related to the inquiry are available on the <u>Committee's website</u>.

A new report is due by 14 October 2021.

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