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Environment and Planning Standing Committee – Legislative Council

MEDIA RELEASE

Walwa open mic and hearing for fire inquiry

Victorians affected by the Walwa fire in north-east Victoria can share their experiences directly with members of parliament during an online open mic session.

The Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee is holding the online event on Wednesday 6 May 2026 from 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm, as part of its ongoing inquiry into the 2026 summer fires across Victoria.

‘To be involved please [register your interest via our website](#) as soon as you can,’ Committee Chair Ryan Batchelor said.

‘Places are limited and once we reach that limit the online portal will be closed.’

In January the Walwa River Road fire burned through more than 120,000 hectares.

A public hearing will also be held online, with full details to be released by Wednesday.

Both the open mic and hearing will be live broadcast so people can watch online.

The inquiry has received more than 300 public submissions, which are being progressively published on the [Committee’s website](#).

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