

Media release

Legislative Assembly Economy and Infrastructure Committee

Workplace surveillance inquiry holding two days of public hearings next week.

Two days of public hearings are scheduled next week for the parliamentary inquiry into workplace surveillance.

You can <u>watch the live broadcast</u> of the Legislative Assembly Economy and Infrastructure Committee from 10:25 am on Monday 23 September and from 9:40 am on Thursday 26 September.

The Committee will hear from a range of experts and advocates in business, law and academia, as well as groups representing employees and employers.

"We've had some really interesting information and evidence given to our inquiry so far," Committee Chair Alison Marchant said.

"At our <u>first hearing in early September</u>, Members of our Committee learned of the surveillance already happening in our workplaces, and how many workers don't know or understand what monitoring is actually taking place.

"We also heard quite clearly from some stakeholders that our laws have not kept pace with the changes in technologies used to monitor workers, so it'll be important for us to gather further insights from the witnesses appearing next week."

Monday's hearing will begin with Professor John Howe of the Centre for Employment and Labour Relations Law at the Melbourne Law School.

Australian Security Industry Association Limited, Laundry Association Australia, Institute of Mercantile Agents, Australian Lawyers Alliance and Gordon Legal are among the other organisations set to be represented.

On Thursday, Australian Institute for Employment Rights, Master Electricians Australia, Victorian Automotive Chamber of Commerce, Australian Industry Group and Castan Centre for Human Rights Law are some of the witnesses due to give evidence.

The public hearings will be held via Zoom and the full schedules, including the lists of witnesses are on the Committee inquiry's website.

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