Hearings scheduled in Upper House reform inquiry

The Inquiry into Victoria's Upper House electoral system will hold two days of public hearings next week.

The Victorian Parliament's Electoral Matters Committee is inquiring into possible reforms to Victoria's Upper House electoral system following its earlier recommendation for Victoria's Upper House to adopt a similar voting system to the one used for the Commonwealth Senate.

This would include eliminating group voting tickets, allowing voters to indicate multiple preferences above the line.

The Committee will hear from a range of experts and stakeholders, including political parties and the Victorian Electoral Commission at the hearings set for Monday 19 May and Wednesday 21 May.

The hearings will be broadcast on the Committee's website.

On Monday 19 May from 9:10 am the Committee will hear from several academic experts and electoral analysts, as well as the Australian Greens Victoria, Animal Justice Party, Legalise Cannabis Party, Sustainable Australia Party, the Liberal Party of Australia, The Nationals and the Australian Labor Party.

On Wednesday May 21 from 9 am the Committee will hear evidence from electoral analysts, including Malcolm Mackerras and Kevin Bonham and from representatives of the Victorian Electoral Commission.

The Committee is due to report to the Parliament by December 2025.