



Media release

Integrity and Oversight Committee

Public hearings on Freedom of Information laws in Victoria

On Monday 18 March 2024, the Victorian Parliament's Integrity and Oversight Committee will hold further public hearings as part of its Inquiry into the Operation of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Vic).

'The Committee is continuing to conduct public hearings to hear a broad range of views as part of the Committee's inquiry into Freedom of Information in Victoria,' said Committee Chair, Dr Tim Read MP.

The hearing schedule for Monday 18 March is:

- 10:15 am: Dr Catherine Williams, Research Director, The Centre for Public Integrity
- 11:00 am: Victoria Elliott, Commissioner, Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC)
Stacey Killackey, Executive Director – Legal, Assessment and Review and Compliance, IBAC
- 11:45 am: Emrys Nekvapil SC, Victorian Bar
- 12:30 pm: Fiona McLeay, Commissioner, Victorian Legal Services Board and Commissioner
- 1:20 pm: Susan Middleditch, Deputy Secretary Corporate and Regulatory Services, Victoria Police
Robin Davey, Manager, Freedom of Information Division, Victoria Police
- 2:50 pm: Jude Hunter, Senior Legal Counsel and Manager of Freedom of Information & Privacy, WorkSafe Victoria
Rebecca Cato, Legal Counsel Freedom of Information & Privacy, WorkSafe Victoria
- 3:35 pm: Nerita Waight, Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service
Patrick Cook, Head of Policy, Communications and Strategy, Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service
- 4:20 pm: Lachlan Fitch, President, Victoria Branch Committee, Australian Lawyers Alliance
Jeremy King, Member, Victoria Branch Committee, Australian Lawyers Alliance

The full hearing schedule and witness information is available on the Committee's website, where transcripts from the hearings will also be placed in due course.

The public hearings will be broadcast live on the Victorian Parliament's [website](#) and rebroadcast from 7:00 pm on Monday. Further information on the Committee and the Inquiry's terms of reference is available on its [website](#).