P-plate licence inquiry to hear from young Victorians

Students from East Doncaster Secondary College will present their views on lowering the P-plate licence age in Victoria when public hearings on the parliamentary inquiry are held this week.

The public hearings will be on Wednesday 24 August from 10 am-3:30 pm and Thursday 25 August from 10 am-1:45 pm in Meeting Room G6, 55 St Andrews Place, East Melbourne.

Victoria Police, the Transport Accident Commission, the Brotherhood of St Laurence and the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria will also be presenting evidence at the hearings, along with researchers specialising in transport and youth studies.

The Victorian Parliament's Law Reform, Road and Community Safety Committee has received more than 90 submissions to its inquiry.

It is investigating whether the P-plate licence age in Victoria should be lowered to 17.

The inquiry is also examining the adequacy of current transport infrastructure and services available to young Victorians, particularly in regional Victoria.

As part of the inquiry, the Committee will consider strategies to remove transport barriers for young people to access employment, study and training.

The hearings schedule and the submissions received are available from the Committee's website.

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