

Media release

Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee

Victoria Police to give evidence to wildlife roadstrike inquiry

Police Assistant Commissioner Glenn Weir is among a range of witnesses, including animal rescue organisations, local government members, academic experts, and insurers who will appear at an inquiry into wildlife roadstrike on Monday.

The hearing will be held from 10 am Monday 1 September and broadcast on the Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee's <u>website</u>.

While comprehensive figures do not exist, Wildlife Victoria data show a 43 per cent increase in the number of animals killed or injured by a vehicle in the past four years and RACV reported almost 7,000 claims that involved impact with an animal in 2024.

The inquiry is considering the impact of roadstrike on Victorian motorists, including major trauma incidents and motor vehicle damage.

In addition to the Assistant Commissioner, the Committee will hear from the Hume City Council Deputy Mayor, Suncorp Insurance, Melbourne University academic experts, volunteer animal rescuers and the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action.

The full schedule is available on the Committee's website.

The Committee is focusing on the capacity of relevant legislation and regulation to monitor wildlife roadstrike, promote driver education and raise public awareness.

It is also examining the involvement, training and expenditure of paid and volunteer rescue and rehabilitative organisations and individuals, as well as any new and emerging technologies and infrastructure used to prevent roadstrikes.

The Committee is due to table its report to parliament by 30 November 2025.

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