

Appendix A

About the Inquiry

A.1 Inquiry process

On 3 December 2025, the Victorian Parliament's Legislative Assembly referred an inquiry into voting centre accessibility to the Committee. The Committee was required to table a final report by 30 September 2026.

Submissions

The Committee called for written submissions through its website, media releases and the Parliament's social media accounts, starting in December 2025. The Committee published videos inviting people with lived experience to make a submission, including a video in Auslan. The Committee wrote to key stakeholders inviting them to make submissions. The Committee also wrote to multiple organisations connected with people with disability, inviting them to make submissions and asking them to invite people associated with their organisations to make submissions.

In total, the Committee received 52 submissions from individuals, organisations and electoral commissions.

A full list of submitters can be found in Section A.2 of this appendix.

Public hearings

The Committee conducted two days of public hearings on 23 March 2026 and 27 March 2026. Ten sessions were conducted with 25 witnesses.

The public hearings were held in Melbourne, with some witnesses appearing by videoconference.

A list of the witnesses who attended the public hearings is included in Section A.3 below.

A.2 Submissions

No.	Author
1	Matilda Osborne
2	Name withheld
3	Mary Lo Schiavo
4	Jordan Crane
5	Name withheld
6	Mark Stewart
7	Jennie Trigg
8	Name withheld
9	Deaf Victoria
10	Name withheld
11	Different Journeys
12	Name withheld
13	Alexandra Reimers
14	Michelle Raymond
15	People with Multiple Sclerosis, Victoria
16	Name withheld
17	Nancye Harrison
18	Dominique Loulie
19	Nuray Kaya
20	Joanna Middleton
21	Melbourne East Disability Advocacy
22	Jennifer Pretty
23	Behnam Amirpanahi
24	Convo Communications Australia Pty Ltd
25	Cheri O'Connell
26	Polio Network Victoria
27	Ngaweeyan Maar-oo
28	Nicole Karidis
29	Council on the Ageing Victoria

No.	Author
30	Association for Children with a Disability
31	Reinforce Self-Advocacy
32	Blind Citizens Australia
33	Confidential
34	Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission
35	Infrastructure Victoria
36	Victorian Electoral Commission
37	Endeavour Foundation
38	Rights Information and Advocacy Centre
39	Name withheld
40	Women with Disabilities Victoria
41	Carers Victoria
42	Electoral Council of Australia and New Zealand
43	Public Transport Users Association
44	The Australian Institute of Architects
45	Alison Reece
46	VMIAC
47	Matthew Potocnik
48	Youth Disability Advocacy Service and Youth Affairs Council Victoria
49	Centre for Innovative Justice
	Human Rights Law Centre
	Victorian Aboriginal Legal Services
	Voices for Change
50	Dementia Australia
51	Marie Jones
52	Eve Kinnear

A.3 Public hearings

23 March 2026, Melbourne

Witness	Position and organisation
Todd Wright	Chief Executive Officer, Convo Communications Australia Pty Ltd
Lisa Briggs	Chief Executive Officer, Ngaweeyan Maar-oo
Reuben Leigh	Policy Officer, Ngaweeyan Maar-oo
Martin Turnbull	Senior Policy Advisor, Council on the Ageing Victoria
Dr Rose Capp	Policy Advisor, Dementia Australia
Melanie Chatfield	Policy Officer, Blind Citizens Australia
Stefan Slucki	Board Director and National Policy Committee Chair, Blind Citizens Australia
Joshua Lucey	Senior Policy and Advocacy Advisor, Endeavour Foundation
Nicholas Brealey	Supported Employee, Endeavour Foundation
Rita Robert	Employee Coordinator, Endeavour Foundation
Judith Abbott	Chief Executive Officer, Carers Victoria
Lorraine Langley	Acting General Manager Communications, Policy and Partnerships, Carers Victoria
Simon Matuzelski	Manager, Innovation and Impact, Centre for Innovative Justice
Emily Piggott	Senior Advisor, Centre for Innovative Justice
Morgan O'Sullivan	Principal Policy Lead, Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service
Stella Trounce	Senior Policy Officer, Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service
Reece Blackett	Academic, University of Technology Sydney, Department of Law
Ricky M	Lived experience contributor
Fran	Member, Voices for Change
Monique Hurley	Associate Director, The Human Rights Law Centre
Sven Bluemmel	Electoral Commissioner, Victorian Electoral Commission
Ben Sutherland	Assistant Commissioner, Event Strategy and Delivery, Victorian Electoral Commission
Melea Tarabay	Chief Communications Officer, Victorian Electoral Commission

27 March 2026, Melbourne

Witness	Position and organisation
Saumya Kaushik	Policy Research Lead, Women with Disabilities Victoria
Dr Trishima Mitra-Kahn	Chief Executive Officer, Women with Disabilities Victoria

