



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA  
Pandemic Declaration Accountability and Oversight Committee

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# **Pandemic Committee to hear from mental health organisations**

The Pandemic Declaration Accountability and Oversight Committee will hear from mental health organisations on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the pandemic orders on Victorians' mental wellbeing in a fresh hearing this week.

The Committee will meet this Friday May 13 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The Committee will take evidence from the Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council, the peak Victorian organisation for people with a lived experience of mental health problems or emotional distress.

The Committee will also hear from Shadow Pandemic Victoria and the Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association.

The hearing comes after the Committee heard from a range of mental health experts and organisations at the end of April.

"This is the second day of hearings the Committee has held into the mental health effects of pandemic orders," said Committee Chair Suzanna Sheed MP.

"It is important that we hear from people with a lived experience to learn of the direct impacts of the orders on them," she said.

The full schedule is available on the Committee's [website](#).

The hearings will be live broadcast on Parliament's [website](#).

The Pandemic Declaration Accountability and Oversight Committee was set up late last year under new provisions of the Public Health and Wellbeing Act.

The joint investigatory committee will continue to hold public hearings throughout the year.

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