



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA  
Environment and Planning Standing Committee – Legislative Council

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# **Inquiry into the health impacts of air pollution to get underway**

The Legislative Council's Environment and Planning Committee will next week hold its first hearings for the inquiry into the health impacts of air pollution on Victorians.

On Monday June 28 the inquiry will hear from representatives of the Latrobe and Moreland councils, as well as a range of health experts, including Dr Roderick McRae from the Australian Medical Association, Dr Lai Heng from the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine, Professor Michael Abramson and Associate Professor Fay Johnston from the Centre for Air Pollution, Energy and Health Research, Clare Walter from Melbourne University's Lung Health Centre, and Dr Harry Jennens from Healthy Futures.

The hearing will commence at 9:45 am and continue to 5:00 pm.

On Tuesday the Committee will hear evidence from nearly 20 witnesses, including representatives of Environmental Justice Australia, Victorian Council of Social Service, Australian Air Quality Group, the Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group, Maribyrnong Truck Action Group and Anti-Toxic Waste Alliance.

The hearing starts at 9:00 am and continues to 5:00 pm.

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

The hearings will be conducted via Zoom and broadcast live on the Parliament's [website](#).

Specifically, the Committee will seek to:

- identify state-wide practical, real-time, cost-effective mitigation strategies
- determine to what extent these strategies are ensuring that Victorian air quality continues to track towards meeting or exceeding current international best practice standards and is enforced
- determine the impact of economic and population growth on air pollution and health outcomes
- strengthen commitments across all Victorian Government portfolios to reduce air pollution and minimise the impact on the health of the Victorian population and environment.

A final report is due to be presented to Parliament in late August.

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