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# **Gippsland hearings for climate change inquiry**

On 23 and 24 October 2019, the Legislative Assembly's Environment and Planning Committee will be holding public hearings and conducting site inspections in Traralgon and Bairnsdale as part of its inquiry into tackling climate change in Victorian communities.

"This is a valuable opportunity to hear from people in the Gippsland region about the measures they are taking to tackle climate change and how the Victorian Government could support them," Committee Chair Darren Cheeseman said.

The Traralgon public hearing will be on Wednesday 23 October from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Quality Inn & Suites Traralgon, 5601 Princes Highway, Traralgon. Among those presenting will be local Landcare and climate change groups, and there will also be a roundtable discussion with representatives of local councils.

The Bairnsdale public hearing will be on Thursday 24 October from 9:30 am to 11:40 am at the East Gippsland Shire Council Chambers, Bairnsdale Corporate Centre, 273 Main Street, Bairnsdale. Local shire representatives as well as Landcare and climate change networks will be presenting.

The media and public are welcome to attend both days of hearings.

As part of the Committee's visit to the Gippsland region, it will also be undertaking site inspections at farms, a wetland and a coastal area impacted by erosion.

"It's important for the Committee to see first-hand some of the work that is being done in regional and rural communities to deal with climate change and address its effects on them," Mr Cheeseman said.

Further regional hearings are scheduled for Mornington on 7 November, Geelong on 20 November and Warrnambool on 21 November, with hearings in Melbourne on 28 October and 4 to 5 December. The Committee will also hold regional hearings in Mildura, Shepparton and Wangaratta early next year.

"We've received more than 140 submissions from across Victoria and our public hearings will enable us to speak directly with many people who are leading the way in tackling climate change in their communities," Mr Cheeseman said.

The schedule for the Gippsland hearings is available from the Committee's [website](#), along with the submissions received.

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