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Shepparton and Wangaratta to host climate change hearings

The parliamentary inquiry into tackling climate change in Victorian communities continues next week with public hearings and site visits in Shepparton and Wangaratta on 12 and 13 February.

The Legislative Assembly's Environment and Planning Committee will meet with local councils, sustainability groups and community organisations to discuss regional responses to climate change and what the government can do to help communities take action.

“We know that regional communities are often highly innovative and active when it comes to sustainability, waste management and recycling, agroforestry and renewable energy projects,” said Committee Chair Darren Cheeseman.

“We want to hear from members of the Shepparton and Wangaratta communities, learn more about what they're doing to mitigate climate change and understand how the government can support them,” he said.

The Shepparton hearing on 12 February is at the Mooroopna Education and Activity Centre, 23 Alexandra Street, Mooroopna from 10:30 am to 1:15 pm. The Committee will then visit the Violet Town Community Forest and meet with local sustainability groups at the Violet Town Community Complex.

The Wangaratta hearing on 13 February is at Wangaratta Regional Study Centre, GoTafe and Charles Sturt University, 218 Tone Road, Wangaratta from 9:30 am to 12:15 pm. A site visit with Totally Renewable Yackandandah to discuss the group's community energy projects will follow.

Appearing before the Committee in Shepparton will be several local councils, the North East Region Sustainability Alliance (NERSA) and Benalla Sustainable Future Group.

The Wangaratta hearing will include several local councils, Goulburn Broken Greenhouse Alliance and Wodonga and Albury Toward Climate Health (WATCH).

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

More public hearings are being held in Melbourne on 26 February and 10 March and in Mildura on 12 March.

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