



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA
Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee – Legislative Assembly

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Regional focus on support for older migrants and refugees

A parliamentary inquiry examining support for older Victorians from migrant and refugee backgrounds will hold public hearings in Geelong and Ballarat next week.

The Legislative Assembly Legal and Social Issues Committee has been looking into the adequacy of support services for older people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

On Wednesday 30 March the Committee will convene at Eastern Hub Community Centre in Geelong, from 10 am.

Multicultural Community Services Geelong, National Council of Women of Victoria, Baptcare Coasthaven Community, Barwon Community Legal Service, ABRISA and U3A Geelong will be represented at the hearing.

On Thursday 31 March the Committee will move to the Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre, in Ballarat from 10 am.

Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council, Ballarat African Association, Ballarat Indian Association, Central Highlands Elder Abuse Prevention Network, City of Ballarat, Ballarat Neighbourhood House and Loddon-Campaspe Multicultural Services will have their say.

“We have made a point of taking this inquiry to diverse parts of Victoria so we can hear directly from people about the issues that matter most to them,” Committee Chair Natalie Suleyman said.

“I want to thank the various stakeholders, including service providers and advocates who have taken the opportunity to share their views and insights with the Committee as part of this unique inquiry.”

The Committee has held other public hearings, including at Coburg, in Melbourne’s inner north. There will be no public gallery at next week’s sessions, however full transcripts will be made available on the [Committee’s website](#) at a later date.

The inquiry has received more than 70 public submissions and is due to report to Parliament by 30 June 2022.

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