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### **CFA chiefs at next Fiskville hearings**

Current and former chief executives and Board members of the Country Fire Authority will be questioned during three days of public hearings for the Fiskville inquiry next week.

The public hearings by the Environment, Natural Resources and Regional Development Committee will be held from Wednesday 27 to Friday 29 January at Parliament House in Melbourne, with the Friday morning session at 55 St Andrews Place.

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

“This inquiry has revealed much about the operations at the Fiskville training college and now it is time for CFA chiefs past and present to give us the answers about the critical decisions that were made by them,” Committee Chair Bronwyn Halfpenny said.

“The weight of evidence indicates that there is much the CFA management still needs to tell us about how they dealt with the use of chemicals at Fiskville and how they treated their firefighters and the local community.

“The significant evidence we have received during the course of the inquiry has also prompted us to recall some witnesses so that we can clarify the evidence they have given.”

The Committee will also be hearing from legal experts and getting international evidence about the link between chemicals and cancer, autoimmune diseases and chronic illness among people who are exposed to such substances.

“The evidence we receive at these hearings will be crucial as the Committee prepares its final report and recommendations,” Ms Halfpenny said.

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