

Media release

Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee

Two days of hearings for cultural and creative industries inquiry

The Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee will hold two days of hearings this week as part of its inquiry into the cultural and creative industries in Victoria.

A range of creative agencies and organisations will appear before the Committee, including Creative Victoria, VicScreen and SBS, on Wednesday March 12 from 10 am.

On Thursday March 13 the Committee will hear from a number of witnesses representing the theatrical sector, as well as galleries and museums in both metropolitan Melbourne and rural and regional Victoria.

The full schedule is available on the Committee's website.

The inquiry is investigating funding and supports available to Victoria's cultural and creatives industries, including the state's share of national arts and cultural spending (including share allocated to regional Victoria); the ongoing financial sustainability of arts training organisations; and whether state and federal policies and spending are sufficient to support the industries following the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Both days of hearings will be broadcast live on the Committee's <u>website</u>.

The inquiry received 41 public submissions which are available to read online.

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