



Chemical experts at resumption of Fiskville hearings

Public hearings for the parliamentary inquiry into the CFA training college at Fiskville resume on Monday 19 October with evidence to be presented by experts in toxic chemicals and hazardous materials.

The public hearing will be from 10:30 am to 2:15 pm in the Legislative Council Committee Room at Parliament House, Melbourne.

The Environment, Natural Resources and Regional Development Committee will hear from the following experts:

- Mr Nigel Holmes, Incident Response Unit, Queensland Environmental Services and Regulation
- Professor Ravi Naidu, CRC Care - an independent organisation that performs research, develops technologies and provides policy guidance for assessing, cleaning up and preventing contamination of soil, water and air
- Professor Brian Priestly, Director, Australian Centre for Human Health Risk Assessment.

“This hearing is crucial for stage 2 of our inquiry because it will allow us to get information from people who have specialist knowledge of chemicals and hazardous materials that would have been used in firefighter training at Fiskville,” said Committee Chair Bronwyn Halfpenny.

“It will help to increase the Committee’s understanding about the health effects of pollutants that people at Fiskville have been exposed to and their effects on the environment.”

Ms Halfpenny said it’s important for the Committee to have this detailed information before it questions key agencies involved with Fiskville at the next hearings.

“The evidence we receive on Monday will help the Committee build our knowledge of issues that will be addressed in our final report,” she said.

The schedule for the hearing is available from the Committee’s [website](#).

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