



Media release

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

Hearing scheduled in fraud and corruption control in local government inquiry

The Public Accounts and Estimates Committee will hold a day-long public hearing as part of its inquiry into fraud and corruption control in local government next week.

The hearing will be held at 55 St Andrews Place from 9 am to 5 pm on Monday March 31. It will be broadcast on the Committee's [website](#).

The inquiry is a follow-up on two Auditor-General reports tabled in 2019 and 2022.

The Victorian Auditor-General's Office will appear from 9 am.

The Committee will also inquire into the actions taken by Victorian integrity and government agencies to address the issues raised in the findings and recommendations of the two audits.

Ten councils were audited across both audits, however, the Auditor-General also made 20 recommendations to all Victorian councils.

From 10 am the Committee will hear from the Local Government Inspectorate, the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission and the Victorian Ombudsman.

A range of other witnesses, including the Victorian Local Governance Association, Local Government Victoria and Council Watch will also appear. The full schedule of witnesses is available on the Committee's [website](#).

The Committee will table its report no later than 20 November 2025.

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