



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA
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Key overseas authorities to appear at inquiry into management of child sex offender information

Several important international witnesses will this week appear at a parliamentary inquiry into the management of child sex offender information.

The Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, 26 May commencing at 7:45 pm via Zoom.

The US Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking will give evidence on the operation of public child sex offender registers at the state and federal levels.

The UK National Crime Agency will outline a limited public disclosure scheme for child sex offender information which is in operation there.

Not-for-profit Australian child protection organisation Bravehearts will also appear at the online hearing.

Committee Chair Fiona Patten says the inquiry is examining how information contained in the Victorian child sex offender register can be used to improve the safety of children and the community.

“We are looking very closely at whether information about offenders should be made public, and the role of community education and offender rehabilitation programs,” she said.

“The Committee is taking into account a range of views on the issues under consideration, including from victims of sexual crimes, their families, law enforcement agencies and sex offenders.”

Wednesday’s hearing will be [broadcast live](#) and the [full schedule](#) is available on the Committee’s website.

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