



# Media release

## Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee

### Industrial hemp inquiry hearings set to begin

The first hearing in the Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee's inquiry into Victoria's industrial hemp industry is set for tomorrow, Thursday September 7.

The hearing will run from 10:30 am to 4:45 pm and will be broadcast on the Committee's [website](#).

The Committee will hear from industry representatives and businesses working in industrial hemp applications including the Australian Hemp Council, Solitude Technologies, Onelife Botanicals and Ecowall Cladding.

The Committee is inquiring into the issues, barriers and opportunities within the industry.

The inquiry will compare hemp growing and processing in Victoria to other jurisdictions, looking at constraints to expanding the industry and the environmental benefits and costs of an expanded industry.

Hemp can be used in a range of products including in the textiles and apparels industry, as animal fodder, in the food and nutrition industry, in the building industry to create construction materials, including hempcrete, fibre panels and insulation, and to create biofuels and bioplastics, among other uses.

Currently there are six growers cultivating a total of 169 hectares of hemp in Victoria.

The terms of reference are available on the Committee's [website](#).

The Committee intends to table its final report, including recommendations, to the Victorian Parliament by 15 November 2023.

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