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Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee

Hearings set for workplace drug testing inquiry

Two days of hearings into workplace drug testing in Victoria will be held this week. The Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee is inquiring into workplace drug testing in Victoria with a particular focus on medicinal cannabis. Medicinal cannabis has been legal in Victoria since 2016. However, some workplaces still make a distinction between medicinal cannabis and other prescription drugs. Hearings begin from 9:30 am on Tuesday May 21 and continue from 9:30 am on Wednesday May 22.

A range of witnesses representing WorkSafe, unions, industry, workplace drug and alcohol testing providers, medicinal cannabis suppliers, drug and alcohol services and academic experts will appear across the two days of hearings.

The terms of reference and full schedule of witnesses is available on the Committee's [website](#).

The inquiry will examine the legislative and regulatory framework for workplace drug testing; possible improvements to the framework; the treatment of prescription medicinal cannabis as compared to other prescription medications; and whether current workplace drug testing laws are discriminatory in nature.

The hearings will be broadcast on the Committee's [website](#).

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