



Media release

Legal and Social Issues Committee

Hearings set to begin in food security inquiry

Two days of public hearings will be held next week as part of an inquiry into food security in Victoria.

The Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee is inquiring into drivers of and solutions for food insecurity in Victoria including its impact on physical and mental health and poverty and hardship. The Committee will also consider options available to lower the cost of food and improve access to affordable, nutritious and culturally appropriate food.

Hearings will begin on Tuesday August 20 from 9 am.

The Committee will hear from representatives of a range of food rescue charities including Foodbank Victoria, SecondBite, OzHarvest and Eat Up Australia, as well as representatives of students, faith-based organisations and academic experts.

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

On Wednesday 21 August from 9 am the Committee will hear from local councils, non-profit financial counselling services and individuals who will share their lived experience of food insecurity with the Committee.

Representatives of the major supermarket chains Coles and Woolworths will also give evidence from 1:45 pm.

The Victorian Government, represented by the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, will appear from 2.30 pm.

All hearings will be livestreamed on the Committee's [website](#).

The Committee expects to table its report by late November 2024.

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