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Select Committee on the 2026 Commonwealth Games Bid

Morwell hosts Commonwealth Games inquiry hearing

The Select Committee investigating Victoria's cancelled Commonwealth Games will be in Morwell on Thursday March 14.

Legislative Council MPs are expected to hear from a local council, sporting bodies and accommodation providers as part of their ongoing inquiry.

Latrobe City Council CEO Steven Piasente is set to give evidence from 10am, followed by Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Victoria)'s Barry Howlett at 11am.

Falcons 2000 Soccer Club President Tony Salvatore and Latrobe Valley Badminton Association's Garry Silvester are scheduled to appear at 1pm.

Silverwater Resort General Manager Adam Glass and Farnham Court Motel's Katie Reardon are due to have their say from 2pm and Morwell Gun Club's Ken Balcombe is due at 3pm.

This is the final public hearing before the Committee delivers an interim report by 30 April.

Throughout February the Committee heard from witnesses at Bendigo, Ballarat and Geelong about the impacts of the 2026 event's cancellation on their communities.

The State Government's \$2 billion regional infrastructure and housing build has also been discussed.

"We appreciate the input from the various representatives across the state who have provided evidence to this important inquiry," Committee Chair David Limbrick said.

Thursday's hearing will not be live broadcast, however a delayed screening will be shown on the Parliament website days later and full transcripts will be published in following weeks.

The full schedule is on the Committee's [website](#). A final report is due by April 2025.

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