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Select Committee on the 2026 Commonwealth Games Bid

Commonwealth Games probe goes regional

The Victorian Legislative Council Select Committee investigating the cancellation of the 2026 Commonwealth Games heads to regional Victoria next week.

The first in a series of public hearings will be held at Geelong on Tuesday 13 February and Ballarat on Wednesday 14 February.

“Regional Victoria was going to be at the forefront of this event, so it’s vital we hear from the individuals and organisations impacted by the decision to cancel it,” Committee Chair David Limbrick said.

“We’ll also be assessing the adequacy of the government’s \$2 billion regional infrastructure and housing build.

“These councils, businesses, tourism bodies, sports clubs and accommodation providers will be able to provide first-hand evidence and information for us to consider.”

On Tuesday City of Greater Geelong, Committee for Geelong, Geelong Chamber of Commerce, Surf Coast Shire Council, Tourism Greater Geelong and The Bellarine and sporting clubs including Geelong Hockey Association and Geelong Swimming Club are scheduled to appear.

On Wednesday Central Highlands Regional Partnership, Tourism Midwest, Ballarat Regional Athletic Centre and Central Highlands Homelessness Alliance (CHHA) will have their say.

The hearings will not be live broadcast, however, a delayed screening will be shown on the Parliament website at a later date. Transcripts of the hearings will also be published.

For the full witness schedule and other inquiry information go to the Committee’s [website](#).

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