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Regional hearings for community energy projects inquiry

The Economic, Education, Jobs and Skills Committee will gain a greater insight into regional community energy at public hearings in Daylesford and Shepparton on 30 and 31 May 2017.

Victoria's central and northern regions are home to innovative community energy projects, including Australia's first community-owned wind farm, Hepburn Wind, and two towns that are transitioning to 100% renewable energy, Newstead and Yackandandah.

The Daylesford public hearing will be held on Tuesday 30 May from 11:00 am to 3:15 pm at The Paddock Room, Daylesford Neighbourhood Centre, 13 Camp Street, Daylesford.

The Shepparton public hearing will be held on Wednesday 31 May from 9:30 am to 1:45 pm at The Connection, 7287 Midland Highway, Shepparton.

Presenting their views on community energy projects to the Committee will be regional community energy groups and local government representatives from Daylesford, Bendigo, Ballarat, Mount Alexander, Macedon Ranges, Newstead, Shepparton, Goulburn Valley, Moira Shire, Yackandandah and Wodonga.

The Committee is investigating the benefits of community ownership in the energy sector and ways to support both regional and metropolitan communities to develop local energy projects.

The schedule for the hearings and more details on the inquiry are available from the Committee's [website](#).

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