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Regional hearings on fire season inquiry and rate capping

The Victorian Parliament's Environment and Planning Committee will hold three days of public hearings in regional Victoria next week for its inquiry into fire season preparedness.

It will also hear from local councils about the Victorian Government's rate capping policy.

The public hearings will be in Morwell on Monday 26 September, Bairnsdale on Tuesday 27 September and Colac on Thursday 29 September.

A period for community statements has been included for each hearing to enable community members to speak with the Committee about fire season preparedness in their communities.

The fire season inquiry has received more than 70 submissions on the preparation and planning undertaken for fire seasons.

The rate capping inquiry is investigating the outcome of the Victorian Government's rate capping policy on councils' viability, service impacts on local communities and impacts on the provision of local infrastructure. It also has received more than 70 submissions.

The schedules for the hearings and the submissions are available from the Committee's website: click [here](#) for fire season preparedness and [here](#) for rate capping.

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