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Homelessness inquiry to hold hearing in major population growth centre

One of Victoria's fastest growing local government areas will be the venue for the next public hearing for the parliamentary inquiry into homelessness.

To be held in the municipality of Whittlesea, the public hearing by the Legislative Council's Legal and Social Issues Committee will be on Thursday, 27 February 2020 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Galada Community Centre, 10A Forum Way, Epping.

"This hearing will be an important opportunity to speak with organisations responding to homelessness across Melbourne's north-west," Committee Chair Fiona Patten said.

"We're interested in finding out about the particular challenges that are faced in supporting people who are homeless or who are facing homelessness in municipalities that cover both urban and rural areas," Ms Patten said.

Thousands of new residents have been moving into the north-west metropolitan region in recent years.

"The Committee is interested in hearing how local service providers are meeting the needs of homeless people in this rapidly growing area and suggestions they have that can help inform our recommendations," Ms Patten said.

The first public hearings for the inquiry were held late last year in Melbourne, Bairnsdale and Morwell.

"This hearing will help us understand the particular circumstances facing people and organisations in an outer metropolitan area," Ms Patten said.

"It's important for us to hear the perspectives of people across different parts of Victoria. They can share with us the lived experience of their particular circumstances, which will help us in formulating our recommendations," she said.

The schedule for the public hearing is available from the Committee's [website](#) along with published submissions and transcripts from some of the earlier hearings.

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