Government officials to appear at school buses inquiry

Government authorities will this week appear at a parliamentary inquiry examining the use of school buses in rural and regional Victoria.

The Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee's public hearing will be <u>live broadcast</u> via Zoom from 10 am on Friday 17 September.

Members will first hear from Tony Bates on behalf of the Department of Education and Training in his capacity as deputy secretary of financial policy and information services.

Afterwards, the Department of Transport will be represented by Nick Foa in his role as head of transport services.

"This is a crucial chance for our Committee and the wider community to hear directly from the people who are responsible for the school bus network and public transport in rural and regional Victoria," Committee Chair Enver Erdogan said.

"The officials will also have the opportunity to respond to some of the matters raised by academics, peak bodies and stakeholders who have already given important evidence to this inquiry."

The schedule and full transcripts from all public hearings are available on the **Committee's website**.

<u>Video snapshots</u> of previous hearings are available to watch on <u>Parliament's YouTube</u> channel.

The inquiry has received 147 submissions and is expected to report to Parliament by November 30.

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