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South-west Victoria hearings into the impact of COVID-19 on tourism and events businesses

The Legislative Council's Economy and Infrastructure Committee will hear from representatives of the tourism and events industries from the Surf Coast, the Bellarine Peninsula and south-west Victoria next week.

The Committee is examining the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Victoria's tourism and events sectors.

On Wednesday May 12 the Committee will sit at the Great Ocean Road Resort in Anglesea. Among the witnesses are Liz Price, General Manager of Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism, Raylene Fordham from Anglesea Backpackers and Brendan Sanders and Brett Ince, from Tourism Greater Geelong & The Bellarine. Hearings start at 11:30 am and continue to 3:30 pm and are open to the public.

On Thursday May 13 hearings will be held at the Five Star Function Centre, Camperdown Football Netball Club. Witnesses include Andrew Mason, CEO of Corangamite Shire Council, Matt Bowker, Manager of Cape Otway Lightstation and John Young, President of the Port Fairy Folk Festival. Hearings begin at 10:30 am and continue to 1:30 pm and are also open to the public.

The full schedule is available on the Committee's [website](#).

The Committee will provide recommendations to the State Government on the best way to restore the tourism and events sectors to their critical role in the Victorian economy, including the thousands of jobs threatened by the ongoing effects of the global pandemic.

The inquiry's terms of reference, submissions and transcripts of earlier hearings are available from the Committee's [website](#).

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