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Hearings into the impact of COVID-19 on the tourism and events sectors to begin

The Legislative Council's Economy and Infrastructure Committee will hear from representatives from the tourism and events industries during hearings on Wednesday April 14.

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

The public hearings will be broadcast live on the Victorian Parliament's [website](#) from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Among the witnesses are Simon Thewlis from Save Victorian Events, Gab Robinson, CEO of Harry the Hirer, Joe Toohey from the Arts Industry Council of Victoria, and Felicia Mariani, CEO of the Victoria Tourism Industry Council (VTIC). The Committee will also hear from small business owners from the events sector.

The 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.

Public submissions to the inquiry are still open and are due by Friday April 16, 2021. The Committee will then report to the Parliament by June 30.

The inquiry's terms of reference and details on how to make a submission are available from the Committee's [website](#).

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