



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA  
Environment and Planning Standing Committee – Legislative Council

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **New hearings scheduled for ecosystem decline inquiry**

The Legislative Council's Environment and Planning Committee will hold two days of public hearings for its inquiry into ecosystem decline in Victoria, on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

The public hearings will be broadcast live on the Victorian Parliament's [website](#) from 10:00 am to 4:45 pm on Tuesday May 11 and from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Wednesday May 12.

On Tuesday the Committee will hear from Landcare Victoria, Victorian Planning Authority, the Victorian Farmers Federation, The Nature Conservancy, Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria and others.

On Wednesday witnesses include representatives of Nillumbik Shire Council, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Grassy Plains Network and the Green Wedges Coalition, among others.

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

The inquiry is examining measures to restore habitats and populations of threatened and endangered species. Under the terms of reference, issues being considered include:

- the extent of the decline of Victoria's biodiversity and the likely impact on people, particularly First Peoples, and ecosystems
- the adequacy of the legislative framework protecting Victoria's environment and ecosystems, particularly in the context of climate change impacts
- the adequacy and effectiveness of government programs
- opportunities to restore the environment while upholding First Peoples' connection to country.

The Committee has received nearly 950 [written submissions](#).

You can find transcripts of earlier hearings [here](#).

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