



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA
Environment and Planning Standing Committee – Legislative Council

MEDIA RELEASE

New hearings scheduled for ecosystem decline inquiry

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

The public hearings will be broadcast live on the Victorian Parliament's [website](#) from 10:45 am on Wednesday 16 June and from 10:00 am on Thursday 17 June.

On Wednesday the Committee will hear from the Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, the Bellarine Landcare Group, the Geriwerd Animal Protection Alliance, the Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation and others.

On Thursday witnesses include representatives of the Australian Dingo Foundation, Field and Game Australia, Friends of the Earth and the Victorian Forest Products Association, 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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