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Hearings resume for inquiry into use of cannabis in Victoria

A range of research institutes and policy advocates will this week appear at the parliamentary inquiry into the use of cannabis in Victoria.

The Legislative Council’s Legal and Social Issues Committee will resume with a hearing tomorrow.

Turning Point and Monash Addiction Research Centre will be followed by Students for Sensible Drug Policy and Harm Reduction Victoria.

A panel of witnesses from New Zealand with representatives from SHORE & Whariki Research Centre and New Zealand Drug Foundation will also provide evidence.

“Due to the referendum in New Zealand and the legalisation of cannabis in Canada and parts of the USA, people have taken a much greater interest in what the regulation of cannabis can look like,” Committee Chair Fiona Patten said.

The Australian Drug Law Reform Foundation and Penington Institute round out the line-up.

The hearing will be [live broadcast](#) from 10am, with the full schedule and more information relating to the inquiry available on the Committee’s [website](#).

The Committee received more than 1400 submissions to its inquiry and held an initial hearing in late March. Transcripts are available [here](#).

Next Wednesday 28 April the inquiry will hold a hearing in the North East Victorian town of Beechworth to coincide with the Legislative Council’s Regional Sitting to be held in Bright on Thursday 29 April.

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