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# **European experts to appear at use of cannabis inquiry**

A parliamentary inquiry into the use of cannabis in Victoria will this week gain an insight into approaches to drug policy in Europe.

The Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, 9 June.

The European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction’s principal scientist on drug legislation Brendan Hughes will provide expert evidence and analysis on how cannabis use is being tackled across the European continent.

Professor Tom Decorte, director of the Institute for Social Drug Research at the University of Ghent will also appear at the online hearing, which commences at 7 pm via Zoom.

Committee Chair Fiona Patten says the inquiry is looking to learn more about international laws relating to cannabis use.

“The Committee will hear about different approaches to cannabis legislation and regulation in Europe and around the world,” she said.

“The information will help the Committee consider how Victoria can improve its approach to cannabis policy and protect the health and wellbeing of Victorians while preventing criminal activity.”

Wednesday’s session will be [live broadcast](#) and the [full schedule](#) is available on the Committee’s website.

A series of [video snapshots](#) from previous hearings are available to watch anytime on the [Parliament’s YouTube](#) channel and [full transcripts](#) are accessible online.

The Committee is due to deliver a final report to Parliament by 5 August 2021.

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