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First hearings for climate change inquiry to be held in Ballarat and Bendigo

On 18 and 19 September 2019 councils and greenhouse alliance groups will be presenting at public hearings in Ballarat and Bendigo for the parliamentary inquiry into tackling climate change in Victorian communities.

The Legislative Assembly's Environment and Planning Committee is examining what urban, rural and regional communities in Victoria are doing to tackle climate change and how the Victorian government could support these communities.

The public hearings in Ballarat and Bendigo are the first for the inquiry which has received more than 120 submissions.

The Ballarat hearing will be on Wednesday 18 September at the Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre commencing at 10:30 am. The Bendigo hearing will be on Thursday 19 September at the Bendigo Town Hall in the Reception Room commencing at 9:30 am. Members of the public and media are welcome to attend.

Further public hearings are scheduled for Traralgon and Bairnsdale in October; Mornington, Geelong and Warrnambool in November; Melbourne in December; and Shepparton, Wangaratta and Mildura in early 2020.

The Committee's report will be presented to Parliament by 30 June 2020.

The schedule for the hearings and the submissions received are available [from the Committee's website](#).

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