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Environment and Planning Standing Committee – Legislative Assembly

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# **Community climate change initiatives to be explored at regional hearings**

The Legislative Assembly's Environment and Planning Committee will be looking into local community initiatives to tackle climate change at a series of public hearings in regional Victoria during November.

On Thursday 7 November, the Committee will be holding a public hearing in Mornington from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm at the Mornington Shire Council Chambers, 2 Queen Street.

The Committee will speak with representatives from the Port Phillip Eco Centre, the Bayside Climate Action Group, the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council and the South East Councils Climate Change Alliance.

"We're interested in finding out what's happening at the local level to tackle climate change and what the Victorian Government can do to support communities take action," Committee Chair Darren Cheeseman said.

The media and public are welcome to attend the hearing. The schedule is available from the Committee's [website](#).

Ahead of the public hearing, the Committee will be undertaking some site visits to a sustainable living centre and a local business that has used environmental upgrade finance to fund energy efficiency initiatives.

"Seeing firsthand some of the community initiatives that are being rolled out will help the Committee as it determines the recommendations it can make to help support communities in dealing with and mitigating the impact of climate change," Mr Cheeseman said.

Further public hearings will be held in Geelong on 20 November and Warrnambool on 21 November. This will be followed by hearings in Melbourne on 4 and 5 December, as well as further regional hearings in Mildura, Shepparton and Wangaratta early next year.

The Committee has received more than 140 submissions to the inquiry, which are available on its [website](#). It has also set up a [community comments box](#) on its website so that community members can submit comments on issues that have been raised in submissions or at the public hearings.

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