



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA  
Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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# **Public hearings on protecting wetlands**

The Public Accounts and Estimates Committee will hold three days of public hearings next week on the Auditor-General's report into protecting and managing Victoria's wetlands.

The audit report examined whether Victoria was meeting its obligations to protect wetlands under the international Ramsar Convention.

The public hearings will be held in Melbourne on Monday 2 December, Edithvale on Tuesday 3 December and Sale on Wednesday 4 December.

The Committee will be hearing from the Auditor-General, government agencies, catchment management authorities, local councils, as well as Landcare Victoria and other environmental non-government organisations.

The schedule for the three days of hearings is available from the Committee's [website](#).

The public hearings will provide an opportunity for the Committee to find out in detail what actions have been taken to address the issues raised in the Auditor-General's report, which was tabled in Parliament in September 2016.

In that report, the Auditor-General made recommendations to improve the management of Ramsar sites located across Victoria. Those recommendations included development of management plans and better monitoring of the ecological character of the sites.

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