## First hearing on access to TAFE for learners with disability

This Monday 7 December 2020, the Legislative Assembly Economy and Infrastructure Committee will commence hearings for its inquiry into access to TAFE for learners with disability.

The online hearing will be broadcast live on the Victorian Parliament's <u>website</u> from 12 noon until 3:25 pm. The schedule of organisations and people presenting is available on the Committee's <u>website</u>.

The Committee is examining the accessibility of TAFE for learners with disability and how their experience of TAFE can be improved.

"We know many young people with disability have post-school aspirations, but education participation rates suggest they face barriers to achieving their goals," said Committee Chair John Eren.

"All people, whatever their ability, should be able to access further education and have a positive learning experience," he added.

During the hearings the Committee will be exploring the types of barriers learners with disability face when trying to enrol and participate in TAFE and what resources and support they need to overcome these barriers.

"At our first hearing we will be speaking with a number of organisations that support learners with disability in Melbourne and in the Gippsland region," Mr Eren said.

"I am particularly pleased that we will be hearing from a TAFE student so that we can get a first-hand account of the learning experience at TAFE," he added.

Further hearings will be held in 2021.

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