## First hearing on fire season inquiry

On Thursday 7 July, the Victorian Parliament's Environment and Planning Committee will hold the first public hearing for its inquiry into fire season preparedness.

The public hearing will be from 12:30 pm to 2.00 pm in the Legislative Council Committee Room at Parliament House.

The Committee will hear from the Bushfire and Natural Hazards Cooperative Research Centre, as well as researchers from an Australian Research Council project on bushfire prevention.

A total of 39 submissions have been received to date, with submissions still being received until 29 July.

The inquiry is examining the preparation and planning that is undertaken for fire seasons.

It is focusing on the work of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, and its agencies, including Parks Victoria.

Issues being considered include the planning, implementation and impacts of preventative burning.

The schedule for the hearing and submissions are available from the Committee's website.

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