

PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA Law Reform, Road and Community Safety Committee

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Australian Medical Association at drug law reform hearing

The parliamentary inquiry into drug law reform will continue its public hearings this Wednesday 28 June.

The Australian Medical Association (Victoria) and the Fitzroy Legal Service will be presenting to the Law Reform, Road and Community Safety Committee.

The public hearing will be from 9:45 am to 11:00 am at 55 St Andrews Place, East Melbourne.

"The misuse and abuse of pharmaceutical medications (often via 'doctor shopping') is a major problem across the state," the AMA says in its submission to the inquiry.

It notes that 358 people died from pharmaceutical overdoses in Victoria in 2015, compared to 227 from illegal drug overdoses and 257 in road accidents.

The hearing schedule and further details on the inquiry are available from the Committee's website.

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