

Media release

Integrity and Oversight Committee

Public hearings on Freedom of Information laws in Victoria

On Monday 26 February 2024, the Victorian Parliament's Integrity and Oversight Committee will hold its first public hearings as part of its Inquiry into the Operation of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Vic).

"The Committee has already received valuable submissions, and the upcoming public hearings give organisations and individuals a further useful way to contribute to the Committee's inquiry into FOI," said Committee Chair, Dr Tim Read MP.

The hearing schedule is:

1:20 pm: Information and Privacy Commission, New South Wales

2:05 pm: Office of the Information Commissioner, Queensland

2:50 pm: Ombudsman, Australian Capital Territory

The full hearing schedule and witness information is available on the Committee's website, where transcripts from the hearings will also be placed in due course.

The public hearings will be live broadcast on the Victorian Parliament's <u>website</u> and also rebroadcast from 7:00 pm on 26 February.

Further information on the Committee and the inquiry's terms of reference is available on its <u>website</u>.

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