



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA  
Environment and Planning Standing Committee – Legislative Assembly

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# **Local councils to outline environmental needs**

This Thursday 25 March 2021, the Legislative Assembly Environment and Planning Committee will continue its public hearings on the environmental infrastructure Victorians need as our population grows.

The online hearing with local councils will be broadcast live on the Victorian Parliament's [website](#) from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, with the schedule available from the Committee's [website](#).

Community access to parks, open space and sporting fields are among the issues being considered.

The hearing will be conducted as two roundtables, featuring the city councils of Whitehorse, Brimbank, Banyule, Glen Eira, Monash and Darebin.

Committee Chair Sarah Connolly said this week's hearings are giving insights into local requirements in a range of urban areas.

"An important point that's come out of submissions and research is that 300,000 to 400,000 Melburnians don't live within walking distance of adequate open space," she said.

"We're keen to hear from local councils about the needs of their communities and how those can best be addressed."

The Committee has received 262 [submissions](#) to the inquiry.

Further hearings are scheduled over the coming weeks.

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