



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA
Legal and Social Issues Standing Committee – Legislative Assembly

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Hearing on adequacy of anti-vilification protections

On Tuesday, 25 February 2020 multicultural organisations and church representatives will be presenting at a public hearing into Victoria’s anti-vilification protections.

The public hearing by the Legislative Assembly’s Legal and Social Issues Committee will be held from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm at 55 St Andrews Place, East Melbourne.

Media and public are welcome to attend. The hearing will be broadcast live on the Victorian Parliament’s [website](#) enabling people across the state to view it.

Presenting at the hearing will be representatives of the Victorian Multicultural Commission; Ethnic Communities’ Council of Victoria; Jewish Community Council of Victoria; Uniting Church in Australia - Synod of Victoria and Tasmania; Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne; and Islamic Council of Victoria.

The Committee’s inquiry is focusing on the effectiveness of the *Racial and Religious Tolerance Act 2001*, its possible expansion and/or extension of protections beyond existing classes.

The schedule for the public hearing and submissions received for the inquiry are available from the Committee’s [website](#).

Further public hearings will be held on March 11, 12, 25 and 26.

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