



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA  
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# **Fact checkers at hearing for social media inquiry**

On Monday 15 February 2021, the Victorian Parliament's Electoral Matters Committee will continue its series of online hearings into the impact of social media on Victorian state elections.

Among those presenting to the Committee will be representatives from AAP FactCheck, the fact-checking unit inside Australian Associated Press, and RMIT ABC Fact Check, a fact-checking partnership between RMIT University and the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

To be broadcast live on the Victorian Parliament's [website](#), the online hearing will be held from 9:45 am to 1:00 pm.

The schedule for the hearing is available on the Committee's [website](#), with the South Australian Electoral Commission and an associate professor of constitutional law from Monash University also presenting.

More than 100 [submissions](#) have been received to the inquiry.

The Committee is investigating the different approaches government can take to reduce the negative impacts of social media and online advertising on our elections, and how we can take advantage of the positive opportunities that social media brings.

Transcripts from hearings held last year are available from the Committee's [website](#).

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