



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

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# **Watch hearing into support for older Victorian migrants**

The first public hearing for the parliamentary inquiry into support for older Victorians from migrant and refugee backgrounds will be [live broadcast](#) next Monday 31 January.

Commencing at 10 am the Legislative Assembly Legal and Social Issues Committee will initially hear from the Commissioner for Senior Victorians Gerard Mansour.

The Commissioner will be followed by representatives from a range of key stakeholder organisations including Justice Connect, Good Things Foundation, AMES Australia and cohealth.

The day-long hearing will conclude with a panel discussion involving the National Ageing Research Institute, Seniors Rights Victoria, Multicultural Centre for Women's Health and Carers Victoria.

“This is just the first of several public hearings and we’re going to cover a broad range of important matters relevant to the welfare of older Victorians from culturally diverse backgrounds,” Committee Chair Natalie Suleyman said.

“Elder abuse, digital inclusion and financial literacy, social isolation, language, communication and education, and building the capacity of service providers to deliver culturally appropriate services are some of the topics.”

The inquiry has so far received almost [50 public submissions](#) and they can be made until 31 January.

“Your ideas can be made in your first language either in writing, by filling out a survey online or making a recording,” Ms Suleyman said.

Translated promotional materials, an Easy English submission guide and full schedule for Monday’s hearing are available on the [Committee’s website](#).

The Committee is due to report to Parliament by 30 June 2022.

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