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Environment and Planning Standing Committee – Legislative Assembly

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# **Climate change inquiry hearings in Geelong and Warrnambool**

The parliamentary inquiry into tackling climate change in Victorian communities continues its public hearings and site visits next week in Geelong and Warrnambool.

On Wednesday 20 November, the Legislative Assembly’s Environment and Planning Committee will conduct a public hearing from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Eastern Hub Geelong, 285A McKillop Street, East Geelong.

The Geelong hearing will include discussion with the Western Alliance for Greenhouse Action, a partnership of eight councils to the west of Melbourne, which is working to tackle climate change across the region. The Committee will also hear from the Surf Coast Shire Council, Geelong Sustainability and the Barwon Region Alliance for Community Energy.

Following the hearing, the Committee will conduct a site inspection of an agroforestry farm in the region, to examine the ways in which agriculture and forestry are being combined to provide a source of income while benefitting the environment and responding to climate change.

On Thursday 21 November, the Committee will hold a public hearing from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Warrnambool Hotel, corner Koroit and Kepler Streets, Warrnambool.

Local councils and the Southern Grampians Glenelg Primary Care Partnership will be presenting at the hearing.

The parliamentary inquiry is examining initiatives being taken at the local level to tackle climate change and what the Victorian Government can do to support communities take action.

“We’ve already visited a number of regional centres to speak with community members on how they are responding to climate change,” Committee Chair Darren Cheeseman said.

“Our hearings in Geelong and Warrnambool will provide further information that we can use in making recommendations on ways we can support communities across Victoria in tackling climate change,” Mr Cheeseman said.

The media and public are welcome to attend the public hearings.

More information on the inquiry is available from the Committee’s [website](#).

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