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McCrae landslide Inquiry begins second block of hearings

The Board of Inquiry into the McCrae landslide will hold a second block of public hearings starting at 10 am on Friday 20 June 2025 at the Federal Court of Australia in Melbourne.

The Board of Inquiry is investigating a landslide that took place in McCrae earlier this year. The Board will deliver its report to the Governor by 10 September 2025, following a decision by Premier Jacinta Allan to extend the term of the Inquiry from 18 June 2025.

The extension enables geotechnical engineers and other experts to undertake further analysis in relation to the cause of the landslide and any measures required to prevent or mitigate the risk of a further event occurring.

The second round of hearings will take place on 20, 23 and 24 June 2025. A number of witnesses will give evidence. The focus will be on the cause(s) of the landslide; actions (and any inaction) taken to prevent or mitigate the risk of landslides in McCrae; and any barriers to implementing measures to prevent or mitigate landslides in McCrae that existed before the landslide.

Details about the witnesses being called to give evidence at the upcoming hearings are <u>listed on the Board's website</u>.

Chair of the Board of Inquiry, Ms Renée Enbom KC, said that: "This second block of hearings will further inform our work in relation to determining the cause of the landslide and examining what occurred in the lead up to it."

The hearings will be live streamed online, accessible via the <u>Inquiry's website</u>. Transcripts of the hearings will be available on the Inquiry's website following each day of proceedings.

If members of the public or other interested organisations would like to share additional or new information with the Board, they can do so by emailing submissions@mccraeinquiry.vic.gov.au or by calling 03 9116 7871.

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