



Monday 12 April 2021

Public hearing on Myanmar – 13 April 2021

The Foreign Affairs and Aid Subcommittee of the [Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade](#) will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday 13 April** in Canberra to examine recent worrying developments in Myanmar in greater depth, and to hear from concerned sectors of Australian society about the troubling direction Myanmar has taken since the military coup of 1 February.

Chair of the subcommittee, [Mr Dave Sharma MP](#), said “More than 60 individuals and organisations responded to our [call for expressions of interest](#) to participate in the public hearing. There is clearly a high degree of community concern within Australia about the escalating violence and rising death toll in Myanmar, and the increasingly inhumane behaviour of the military leadership there.”

“The response from across the community has been overwhelming. On Tuesday the subcommittee will hear from individuals and organisations part of the Myanmar diaspora and community, government departments, and other experts,” according to Deputy Chair [Mr Julian Hill MP](#).

The program has been published on the [Committee's website](#).

The public hearing is being held with limited numbers in a controlled and COVID Safe manner. The hearing will be broadcast, and can be viewed through the [APH website](#).

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, committee proceedings held at Australian Parliament House are currently not open to members of the public wishing to observe the hearing in-person.

Further information about the inquiry can be found on the [Committee's website](#).

Public hearing details

Date: Tuesday 13 April 2021

Time: 9.30am to 4.00pm AEST

Location: Main Committee Room, Parliament House, Canberra

9.30am: *Open*

9.30am–10.30am: Government Departments

10.45am–12.30pm: Diaspora, community groups and individuals

1.15pm–2.30pm: Experts, academics and NGOs

2.40pm–4.00pm: Experts, academics and NGOs

4:00pm: *Close*

The hearing will be broadcast live at [aph.gov.au/live](#).

Media inquiries

Ms Natalie Hissey, Office of Mr Dave Sharma MP
02 9327 3988

For background information

Committee Secretariat
02 6277 2313
jscfadt@aph.gov.au

For more information about this Committee, you can visit [its website](#). On the site, you can make a submission to an inquiry, read other submissions, and get details for upcoming public hearings. You can also track the Committee and receive email updates by clicking on the blue 'Track Committee' button in the bottom right hand corner of the page.