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### **Joint Standing Committee on Migration**

Hearings in Melbourne

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## **Community leaders and councils to give their views**

Community leaders, organisations and councils will be giving their views on settlement services in Australia at a series of public hearings to be held by the Migration Committee in Melbourne on 21 and 22 February 2017.

Committee Chair Jason Wood MP, Member for La Trobe, said that Victoria is a key focus for the inquiry and it is appropriate that the first major hearings are to be held in Melbourne

“Recent events in Victoria show that youth migrants experiencing social marginalisation are getting involved in gang activity,” Mr Wood said.

“The Committee will be hearing from young people and leaders in the African community about the current issues in Melbourne as well as settlement service providers about how settlement outcomes can be improved.”

The Committee will be holding further hearings throughout the country in coming months.

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