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Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee

Inquiry into rental and housing affordability seeks public input

The Legislative Council's Legal and Social Issues Committee is seeking submissions to its inquiry into the rental and housing affordability crisis in Victoria.

The inquiry will explore the challenges faced by Victorian renters and identify the factors contributing to the low availability and high costs of rental properties.

The Committee will also examine barriers to first home ownership and the impact this has on rental stock.

“Rental and housing affordability is a pressing issue affecting many Victorians. This inquiry will allow us to understand the causes of the problem and explore potential solutions to provide relief for renters,” said Committee Chair Trung Luu.

“We encourage everyone interested in this important issue to participate and contribute to this inquiry to help us develop effective recommendations.”

The Committee wants to hear from renters, property owners, industry experts and community organisations.

The inquiry will examine options to alleviate insecurity, increase availability, and address affordability issues faced by Victorian renters. It will consider the adequacy of regulations governing the standards and conditions of rental housing, the impact of short-stay accommodation on the rental market and a range of other issues.

You can find the terms of reference and make a submission via the Committee's [website](#).

Submissions close on July 7.

The Committee intends to table its final report, including recommendations, to the Victorian Parliament by 17th November 2023.

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