Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee

Public housing inquiry calls for submissions

The Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee is calling for submissions to an inquiry into the Victorian Government's decision to demolish and redevelop 44 high-rise public housing buildings in Melbourne.

In September 2023, the government announced plans to redevelop all 44 public housing towers in Melbourne by 2051.

The towers are currently home to around 10,000 people.

The Committee will explore the rationale and cost of demolition versus alternatives like refurbishment, the impact on public housing residents, and the relocation of residents. It will also assess the adequacy of consultations with residents, stakeholders, and government entities, and evaluate the proposed financial and legal models.

"We're encouraging submissions from the general public as well as all stakeholders, including public housing tower residents, health, community and education service providers, and councils," said Committee Chair Trung Luu.

"We also want to hear from state and federal government departments and agencies," he said.

The Committee will also review building standards, the integration of different housing models, and the impact of the plan on bedroom availability, public and community housing numbers, the Victorian Housing Register, and on homelessness.

Go to the Committee's <u>website</u> for the full terms of reference, to sign up to email alerts and to find out how to make a submission.

The Committee expects to table its report by December 2025.

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