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Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

Inquiry into fraud and corruption control in local government calls for submissions

The Public Accounts and Estimates Committee is seeking public submissions to an inquiry into fraud and corruption control in local government.

The inquiry is a follow-up on two Auditor-General reports tabled in 2019 and 2022.

The Committee will also inquire into the actions taken by Victorian integrity and government agencies to address the issues raised in the findings and recommendations of the two audits.

Ten councils were audited across both audits, however, the Auditor-General also made 20 recommendations to all Victorian councils.

“We are seeking submissions from a wide range of stakeholders, including community representatives, peak bodies and organisations with oversight of council activities,” said Committee Chair Sarah Connolly. Councils will be provided with a survey to complete rather than asked to make a written submission.

The Committee will only accept evidence that responds to the Terms of Reference. The Committee will not consider individual complaints as part of the inquiry. Allegations of council fraud or corruption should be directed to the appropriate integrity agency.

Submissions close on 7 March 2025.

The Committee will table its report no later than 20 November 2025.

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