



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA  
Legal and Social Issues Committee

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **Call for submissions on Public Housing Renewal Program**

Public submissions can now be made for the parliamentary inquiry into the Victorian Government's Public Housing Renewal Program.

The inquiry by the Legal and Social Issues Committee will examine the program, which plans to use private sector investment in new social housing.

Among the issues being considered by the Committee are:

- adequacy of a proposed 10 per cent increase in public housing (or 1,100 public units) on the sites given the size of the waiting list for public housing
- ability to cater for all demographics including families, couples and singles
- effects on current public housing tenants
- increase in density and any local environmental impacts
- planning implications
- proposed loss of third party appeal rights
- transparency and genuine community consultation with affected residents, neighbouring communities and the broader Victorian community.

The Committee will also examine public housing estates where similar models are envisaged or underway, previous Victorian public housing renewal projects, and best practice models for the provision of public housing from within Australia and overseas.

"There is a great deal of community interest and concern about social housing. This inquiry is a chance for the Committee to look at policy principles and how policy is applied so we can make a constructive contribution to this program," said Committee Chair, Ms Margaret Fitzherbert.

Public submissions are welcome until Friday, 3 November 2017. The Committee will conduct public hearings throughout the latter part of 2017.

The full terms of reference and more details on the inquiry are available from the Committee's [website](#).

### **Media queries**

For media comment contact the Committee Chair, Margaret Fitzherbert on 9681 9555.

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