

Call for submissions on ride sourcing services

The Victorian Parliament's Economy and Infrastructure Committee is calling for community input to its new parliamentary inquiry into ride sourcing services such as Uber.

The Committee will consider whether regulation for these services is needed and, if so, how it should be structured.

"This is a great opportunity for people to have their say by making a submission to our inquiry," said Committee Chair Joshua Morris.

Submissions will be open until 8 August 2016 and the Committee will then conduct hearings.

"We expect there will be many organisations and people who will want to share their views and experiences with us," Mr Morris said.

"This inquiry will enable us to look in detail at the many issues involved and discuss with people how regulation of ride sourcing services might work."

Mr Morris indicated that the Committee would be using social media to keep people informed on the progress of the inquiry, and encouraged people to follow the Parliament of Victoria's <u>Facebook page</u> for regular updates on the inquiry.

Under the inquiry's terms of reference, the Committee will investigate a range of issues, including barriers to entry, consumer protection, customer safety, competition and access for people with disabilities.

"We will look at the impacts any regulation might have on the taxi industry and how such impacts can be minimised," Mr Morris said.

Remuneration and workplace rights for drivers will also be considered by the Committee.

The Committee is due to report in early December.

Details on how to make a submission and the inquiry's terms of reference are available from the Committee's website.

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