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Better community guidance needed on infrastructure projects

The Victorian Parliament's Economy and Infrastructure Committee has presented the third report for its ongoing inquiry into Victorian infrastructure projects.

The Committee has made four recommendations, including a call for the government to ensure that timely and genuine guidance is provided to communities affected by infrastructure projects.

The projects examined by the Committee included the level crossings removal program, Melbourne metro rail and the Western Distributor project, as well as health infrastructure.

"Billions of dollars of taxpayer funds are spent on infrastructure development in Victoria and I am pleased that we have been able to look into how this funding is allocated and the efficiencies or otherwise of processes that bring projects to fruition," said Committee Chair Bernie Finn.

"We need to ensure that no money is wasted in this process."

Mr Finn expressed concern that there is not enough transparency in the way information is presented to communities that are most affected by the projects.

"In some cases gathering information has been difficult for the Committee let alone for residents that are affected by new builds in their area," he said.

He also expressed concern that the processes that lead to infrastructure projects being built in Victoria are not being properly scrutinised.

"We have gathered as much evidence as we can to make our judgements on projects but our capacity for scrutiny is limited by our lack of resources," he said.

The report is available from the Committee's [website](#).

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