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Extension of time for fire season submissions

Responding to strong community interest, the Victorian Parliament's Environment and Planning Committee has extended the submission deadline for its inquiry into fire season preparedness.

Submissions can now be sent to the Committee until 29 July 2016.

"Many people and organisations have contacted us wanting to make submissions to this important investigation," Committee Chair, the Hon David Davis said.

"By allowing more time for community input, we are ensuring that as many people as possible get the opportunity to share their views and experiences with the Committee," he said.

The inquiry is examining the preparation and planning that is undertaken for fire seasons.

It is focusing on the work of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, and its agencies, including Parks Victoria.

Preventative burning is one of the key issues being considered. The Committee will be examining how it is done, how effective it is in keeping the community safe, and what impacts it has on vegetation and threatened species.

The inquiry will also be considering the resources that are available to ensure adequate preparation for fire seasons.

"These issues are significant for communities across Victoria," Mr Davis said.

"Each year our state faces the threat of bushfires and we want to ensure that the planning and preparation for fire seasons is adequate. Critically, this means we need to look at how all agencies involved coordinate with one another."

The full terms of reference and more information on making a submission are available from the Committee's [website](#).

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