



Terms of Reference

Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee

Inquiry into the rental and housing affordability crisis in Victoria

On 24 May 2023, the Legal and Social Issues Committee agreed to the following self-referral motion:

That the Legal and Social Issues Committee inquire into, consider and report by 17th November 2023 on the challenges facing Victorian renters and factors causing the rental and housing affordability crisis in Victoria, including but not limited to—

- (1) the factors leading to low availability and high costs of rental properties;
- (2) options to address insecurity, availability and affordability issues facing Victorian renters;
- (3) the adequacy of regulation with regards to standards and conditions of rental housing;
- (4) the adequacy of the rental system and its enforcement;
- (5) the impact of short-stay accommodation;
- (6) barriers to first home ownership and the impact this has on rental stock;
- (7) the experience of, and impacts of all of the above on, renters and property owners;
- (8) any other related matters.