



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA
Environment, Natural Resources and Regional Development Committee

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Interim report tabled on challenges for regional councils

Challenges currently facing Victoria's rural and regional councils are outlined in an interim report tabled in Parliament today by the Environment, Natural Resources and Regional Development Committee.

The interim report brings together evidence the Committee has received to date in submissions and at public hearings held across Victoria.

"The Committee is presenting this interim report to update people participating in this inquiry and the broader community on issues that have been raised with us," Committee Chair Josh Bull said.

"We have collected much evidence and many suggestions have been presented to the Committee from a broad range of witnesses," Mr Bull said.

"As we work through all the material and prepare our recommendations, we are keen for people to know about some of the key points that regional councils and communities want the Committee to focus on in its final report."

The interim report looks at recent changes to council responsibilities and funding, the impacts those changes are having, and how councils are responding.

"Suggested changes to grant programs and grant ratios are also discussed in the interim report," Mr Bull said.

"We will be looking closely at these and other suggestions as we frame our recommendations."

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

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