



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA – COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

60th Parliament

Inquiry into Community Consultation Practices

On 31 July 2024, the Legislative Council agreed to the following motion:

That this House requires the Environment and Planning Committee to inquire into, consider and report, by 28 February 2026, on —

- (a) community consultation practices done by, and on behalf of, state and local government and statutory authorities, and providers of essential services such as utilities, in Victoria;
- (b) the use of non-government providers to do consultations on behalf of government agencies;
- (c) standards of conduct, including preparedness, to be expected in community consultations;
- (d) groups or regions who are underrepresented by existing consultation practices, and options to improve their engagement;
- (e) the Engage Victoria platform, its use and effectiveness, and areas for improvement; and
- (f) best practice community consultation in other jurisdictions in Australia and other comparable countries.