

PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA Fire Services Bill Select Committee

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Select Committee established to examine fire services bill

The Legislative Council has established a Select Committee to consider and report on proposals to restructure Victoria's fire services.

The proposed changes are outlined in the Firefighters' Presumptive Rights Compensation and Fire Services Legislation Amendment (Reform) Bill 2017.

"The inquiry will look at the structure as proposed in the Bill and provide an opportunity for the community to comment," said Select Committee Chairman, Mr Gordon Rich-Phillips.

"The Committee invites community submissions to this inquiry that focus on the restructure as proposed in the Bill. We will also be consulting the community through public hearings," Mr Rich-Phillips said.

Select committees are established to allow Parliament to consider significant public policy issues in detail, and to seek comment from people with an interest in and expertise on the issues.

"As a Committee we want to give people who are affected by the proposed restructure the chance to comment on the relevant provisions of the Bill," Mr Rich-Phillips said.

Public submissions are welcome until 7 July 2017.

The restructure included in the Bill was announced by the Victorian Government in May 2017.

For further details on the inquiry, visit the Select Committee's website.

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