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# **Fire season preparedness to be investigated**

The Victorian Parliament's Environment and Planning Committee has commenced a public inquiry into the preparation and planning that is undertaken for fire seasons.

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

"We have comprehensive terms of reference for this inquiry, covering many aspects of bushfire readiness," said Committee Chair, the Hon David Davis.

"Preventative burning is one of the important issues we are scrutinising," Mr Davis said.

"We will be examining how it is done, how effective it is in keeping the community safe, what impacts it has on vegetation and threatened species, and other issues."

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

"In a State that has been devastated by bushfires in the past, it is important to check that our processes and structures for dealing with such emergencies are as effective and ready as they can be," Mr Davis said.

"We want to hear from the community on these issues and to benefit from the experience of people who understand the needs of their local areas in preparing for the fire season."

Submissions to the inquiry are open until 17 June 2016.

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

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