



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA
Legal and Social Issues Committee

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Ballarat hearing on retirement housing

Residents of retirement villages will be among those presenting their views when the retirement housing inquiry holds its next public hearing in Ballarat on Wednesday 19 October.

The public hearing by the Legal and Social Issues Committee will be held from 10:30 am to 2:40 pm at the Council Chambers, Ballarat Town Hall.

Representatives from Country Club Villages and the City of Ballarat will also be speaking with the Committee.

From 2:25 pm there will be an open forum for community members who wish to have their say.

The Committee has received more than 760 submissions to the inquiry, which is a comprehensive review of the operation and regulation of the retirement housing sector in Victoria.

Retirement villages, caravan parks, residential parks and independent living units are all included in the scope of the inquiry.

The Committee is examining the existing legislation to ensure it reflects the diversity of retirement housing types.

It will also be seeking to ensure there are proper consumer protections in place, adequate dispute resolution procedures, fair pricing and consistent, simplified management standards and regulations across the sector.

Public hearings will continue through October and November in Melbourne and regional Victoria.

The hearing schedule and submissions are available from the Committee's [website](#).

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