



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA  
Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee – Legislative Assembly

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# **Inquiry to examine federal support for Victoria**

The Legislative Assembly's Economy and Infrastructure Committee will examine the Australian Government's support for Victoria, including the state's share of GST revenue.

In 2018 the Commonwealth reformed how revenue from the Goods and Services Tax will be distributed to the states and territories from 2021-22 onwards.

When the legislation was passed the Australian Treasurer said the former distribution system was not working as intended because Western Australia received "30 cents in the dollar, while other states and territories with far smaller populations received more".

The inquiry into Commonwealth support for Victoria will consider the adequacy of Victoria's GST share and the impact of the end of the 'no worse off' guarantee.

The guarantee ensures no state is disadvantaged from the shift to the new system by ensuring the GST revenue it receives is based on the better of the old or new system. It is legislated until 2026-27, when the transition period ends.

The inquiry will examine the potential impact of the expiration of the 'no worse off' GST guarantee.

The Committee may also consider the adequacy of other types of Commonwealth support for Victoria as well.

Public submissions to the inquiry are open until 29 October 2021. For more information on the inquiry, including how to make a submission, go to the Committee's [website](#).

The Committee is due to table its report by March 2022.

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