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# **Apartment design standards in the spotlight**

Victorians have been urged to [make a submission](#) to a new parliamentary inquiry which will put apartment design standards under the microscope.

The Legislative Assembly Environment and Planning Committee has called for community input as it considers a wide range of matters related to amenity for residents.

“We know hundreds of thousands of Victorians live in apartments. Not just in our big cities and towns, but regional centres as well,” Committee Chair Sarah Connolly said.

“Demand for these dwellings will grow as we emerge from the global pandemic, so it’s imperative we have the most appropriate framework in place to ensure a high standard of liveability.”

The inquiry’s [terms of reference](#) task the Committee with examining current apartment living standards in Victoria and how improvements could be made to apartment building developments, including communal areas.

The Committee will also look interstate and overseas for initiatives which have led to better apartment design standards.

“The broad nature of this inquiry allows us to discuss all of the issues which directly affect the amenity of these buildings,” Ms Connolly said.

“This might include, but is certainly not limited to, the layout, and accessibility to private open space, windows and natural ventilation. It may also concern noise impacts, energy efficiency and waste disposal.

“I would encourage anyone with an interest in apartments, whether they are a planner, builder, owner or renter to contribute to this important inquiry.”

Public submissions are welcome until 31 October and the Committee plans to hold several public hearings. The first two public hearings are scheduled for 24 and 25 November.

The Committee has until 30 June 2022 to report to Parliament.

For more information about the apartment design standards inquiry visit the [Committee’s website](#).

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