



Inquiry into environmental infrastructure for growing populations

Legislative Assembly Environment and Planning Committee

Have your say

The Legislative Assembly Environment and Planning Committee is seeking information on how to **secure environmental infrastructure** for **Melbourne** and **regional Victoria** now and into the future.

Some examples of environmental infrastructure include parks and open space, sporting fields, forest and bushland, wildlife corridors and waterways.

In recent years, the rapid population growth of Melbourne and key regional centres has brought many benefits but also poses challenges to the preservation of existing environmental infrastructure. Significant differences in the availability of environmental infrastructure also exist between different suburbs and different regions. More recently, COVID-19 has highlighted the importance of access to local parks, open space and other forms of environmental infrastructure.

Individuals and organisations can share their views, insights and experiences with the Committee by sending a written submission. Any person or organisation can make a submission to the Committee. The Committee will consider all issues raised in submissions and at public hearings.

Making a submission

Submissions add to the Committee's knowledge and understanding of the issues and may influence the Committee's recommendations. By making a submission you are providing important input into the work of the Parliament of Victoria.

Your submission might include relevant experiences, facts or suggested solutions to the issues the Committee is considering. Submissions can be made by email, post or through our online eSubmission form. Please note that email and eSubmissions are preferred as the Committee's Secretariat staff are currently working from home due to COVID-19.

Submissions are public documents unless you request confidentiality. Requests for confidentiality will be considered but cannot be determined in advance.

Closing date

Our closing date for submissions is 28 September 2020. This date may be subject to change, so please check our website to confirm.

Public hearings

Some individuals and groups may be invited to talk with us at public hearings. Anybody is welcome to be in the audience at a public hearing. Locations, dates and times will be published on our website. Please note that due to COVID-19, public hearings may be held online.

Report

The Committee will table a report in Parliament at the end of the inquiry. The report is due by 30 June 2021.

What should I include in my submission and how should I format it?

Each inquiry has terms of reference which set out the issues the Committee will consider. These can be found on the Committee's website or obtained from the Committee's office.

Your submission should address one or more parts of the terms of reference and include facts, opinions, recommendations or suggested solutions.

Your submission can be a letter, paper, report, presentation or simply an email.

Submission tips:

- make your submission brief, clear and readable
- include additional material if appropriate
- make it clear who the submission is from.

About the Committee

The Legislative Assembly Environment and Planning Committee consists of seven members.

The Committee's role is to look into and report on anything connected to the Victorian Government Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and any related agencies.

Recent inquiries

Recent inquiries conducted by the Committee include:

- Inquiry into tackling climate change in Victorian communities.

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For up-to-date information about this inquiry, please scan the QR code below to view the inquiry web page or visit our website and follow the links.



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