

PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA Legal and Social Issues Committee

MEDIA RELEASE

Seniors groups at next hearing on retirement housing

A number of seniors groups will give their views on the retirement housing sector in Victoria at a public hearing on Wednesday 16 November.

The public hearing will be from 10:00 am to 5:30 pm in the Legislative Council Committee Room at Parliament House.

The Council on the Ageing Victoria, National Seniors Australia, and Residents of Retirement Villages Victoria will be among the groups discussing retirement housing with the Legal and Social Issues Committee.

There will also be an opportunity for any community members attending the public hearing to make comments to the Committee at 5:15 pm.

Five public hearings have already been held for the inquiry and more than 760 submissions have been received.

The inquiry 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.

Submissions, transcripts of earlier hearings and the schedule for the 16 November hearing are available from the Committee's <u>website</u>.

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