Hearings commence on retirement housing sector

The first public hearing for the retirement housing inquiry will be held on Wednesday 28 September.

Government agencies, legal bodies and a retirement housing provider will be among the first to present their views.

The public hearing by the Legal and Social Issues Committee will be held from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm in the Legislative Council Committee Room at Parliament House.

It will include an opportunity for community members to make statements to the Committee from 4:15 pm.

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 are also scheduled for Mornington on 5 October and Melbourne on 12 October, with further hearings to be held in regional Victoria and Melbourne as the inquiry progresses.

The hearing schedule and submissions are available from the Committee's website.

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