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Submission deadline extended for air pollution inquiry

The Legislative Council's Environment and Planning Committee has extended the deadline for submissions to its inquiry examining the health impacts of air pollution on Victorians.

The deadline is now 23 April 2021, an extension of three weeks.

Exposure to common air pollutants can exacerbate respiratory and cardiovascular conditions, lead to premature death and cost the Victorian economy hundreds of millions of dollars per year.

Vehicle transport, electricity generation, heavy industry, bushfires and dust storms all contribute to poor air quality.

Specifically, the Committee will seek to:

- identify state-wide practical, real-time, cost-effective mitigation strategies
- determine to what extent these strategies are ensuring that Victorian air quality continues to track towards meeting or exceeding current international best practice standards and is enforced
- determine the impact of economic and population growth on air pollution and health outcomes
- strengthen commitments across all Victorian Government portfolios to reduce air pollution and minimise the impact on the health of the Victorian population and environment.

A final report is due to be presented to Parliament in late August.

Details on making a submission are available from the Committee's [website](#).

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