



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA
Environment and Planning Standing Committee – Legislative Council

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Inquiry to examine Planning and Environment Act

The Legislative Council's Environment and Planning Committee is seeking submissions to its inquiry into the adequacy of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the Victorian planning framework.

"The Planning and Environment Act impacts a wide range of issues from housing affordability to environmental sustainability and heritage protection," said Committee Chair Sonja Terpstra.

"We want input from the community on improving the Act to take account of 21st century planning issues in our fast-growing state," she said.

In particular, the Committee is seeking community views on:

- the high cost of housing in the context of the planning system
- environmental sustainability and vegetation protection within the planning framework
- delivering certainty and fairness in planning decisions for communities
- protecting heritage in Victoria.

The terms of reference for the inquiry can be found on the Committee's [website](#).

The Committee prefers submissions that are up to 20 pages and intends to hold limited public hearings in the first half of 2022. It is the Committee's intention to table its report in mid-2022.

Submissions should be received by 28 January 2022.

For more information visit the Committee's [website](#) or email planninginquiry@parliament.vic.gov.au or phone (03) 8682 2869.

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