



**PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA**  
**Integrity and Oversight Committee**  
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**Call for submissions: Victorian integrity agencies' management of witness welfare during investigations**

The Victorian Parliament's Integrity and Oversight Committee is inquiring into the management of the welfare of witnesses and others involved in investigations conducted by the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission, Office of the Victorian Information Commissioner, Victorian Inspectorate and Victorian Ombudsman.

"We invite submissions from the public to this important and timely review," said Committee Chair Harriet Shing MP.

The Committee is calling for submissions from the public addressing the following matters:

- (1) The experiences of witnesses and others involved in Victorian integrity agency investigations (including any matters relating to health, safety, wellbeing and reputation).
- (2) The legal framework bearing on integrity agencies' management of the welfare of witnesses and others involved in Victorian integrity agency investigations (including when and under what conditions public hearings are held, and the impact of confidentiality obligations on welfare).
- (3) The effectiveness of Victorian integrity agencies' policies, procedures and information relating to the management of the welfare of witnesses and others involved in agencies' investigations.
- (4) The effectiveness of Victorian integrity agencies' practices regarding the management of the welfare of witnesses and others involved in agencies' investigations (including in-house welfare support throughout investigations).
- (5) The best practice principles for the management of the welfare of witnesses and others involved in integrity agency investigations, and whether Victorian integrity agencies are meeting the standard of those best practice principles.
- (6) Overall, how Victorian integrity agencies' management of the welfare of witnesses and others involved in agencies' investigations might be improved.

"The Committee is keen to hear from interested groups and individuals on witness welfare, so we can make constructive recommendations for any necessary improvements as part of the Committee's review of the integrity agencies' performance," Ms Shing said.

The **due date** for submissions is **THURSDAY 14 APRIL 2022**.

Please send your submission to: [ioc@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:ioc@parliament.vic.gov.au)

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