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## Select Committee on Victoria Planning Provisions Amendments VC257, VC267 and VC274

### Inquiry seeks public input into planning amendments

A Legislative Council Select Committee is calling for submissions to a public inquiry into recent amendments to the Victoria Planning Provisions.

The Committee will inquire into three amendments to planning requirements (VC257, VC274 and VC267) that affect development in major activity centres.

The Committee is seeking input from impacted stakeholders on their views on the changed planning requirements.

“This inquiry is about whether the new planning controls that the government has been introducing one at a time by regulation are appropriate and give effect to the objective of planning and the planning framework as described in the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*,” said Committee Chair David Ettershank.

“The Committee wishes to hear from stakeholders on the Government’s planned outcomes and consequences and major issues of concern, from the changes to the planning requirements on these activity centres. It is important that affected stakeholders are given the opportunity to provide feedback on these major planning changes,” he said.

Amendment VC257 introduces the Housing Choice and Transport Zone and the Built Form Overlay into the Victoria Planning Provisions and is designed to support housing growth in areas with good public transport, infrastructure, and community facilities, particularly around activity centres.

Amendment VC267 aims to streamline the planning assessment process for residential developments, particularly for multi-residential dwellings up to three storeys.

Amendment VC274 introduces a new Precinct Zone to the Victoria Planning Provisions and all planning schemes in Victoria. This zone intends to support housing and economic growth in priority areas, particularly Suburban Rail Loop precincts.

The Committee will consider and report on whether the amendments give proper effect to the objectives of planning in Victoria, and the objectives of the planning framework, as set out in section 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

To read the terms of reference or to make a submission go to the Committee's [website](#).

The closing date for submissions is 24 April 2025.

The Committee will report by 13 May 2025.

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