Community input invited on ways to address homelessness

The Legislative Council's Legal and Social Issues Committee is inviting community members to share their views and ideas on addressing homelessness in Victoria.

An <u>online submission form</u> has been launched today to collect information from people and organisations that have experience with homelessness and want to put forward suggestions to the Committee.

"We are putting the spotlight on homelessness in our state, to assess the scale of it and to identify ways in which we can best address it," Committee Chair Fiona Patten said.

"We want to hear from people across our community, living in urban and regional areas, so that we can make evidence-based recommendations on actions that are needed," Ms Patten said.

The online submission form is aimed at making it easier for people to provide their views to the inquiry.

It is the first stage of the inquiry, which is investigating the many social, economic and policy factors that impact on homelessness.

The Committee will also seek to identify policies and practices from all levels of government that have a bearing on delivering services to the homeless.

"Our online submission process is a key part of collecting information from those who wish to make written contributions to the Committee, appear at a hearing for the inquiry, or simply tell us about their experience," Ms Patten said.

For more information on the inquiry, go to the Committee's website.

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