

Media Release

Climate resilience inquiry invites community input

The Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee is seeking submissions to its inquiry into climate resilience in Victoria.

The inquiry is seeking to understand and address the main risks posed to Victoria's built environment and infrastructure by climate change. The Committee will explore the implications of these risks to Victorians and evaluate the preparedness of the Victorian Government to mitigate and adapt to these challenges.

"Climate change is an undeniable reality, and its impacts on our built environment and infrastructure require our urgent attention," said Committee Chair Ryan Batchelor.

"This inquiry aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the risks faced by Victoria and to assess the effectiveness of current measures in place," he said.

It will also look into the adequacy of the current Victorian planning system as it relates to climate change impacts and whether further inquiries or investigation may be needed into other aspects of climate change adaptation and climate disaster preparedness in Victoria.

"As we have seen starkly over the past weeks, our resilience in dealing with storms and other devastating events needs to be considered," Ryan Batchelor said.

"We encourage contributions from the public, from experts, and from businesses and groups affected by the risks posed by climate change, to contribute insights to inform our recommendations."

Submissions to the inquiry are due by 1 May.

For more information, including the full terms of reference and details on how to make a submission go to the Committee's <u>website</u>.

The Committee is due to report to the parliament by 30 June 2025.

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