## New inquiry to focus on children of imprisoned parents

The Legislative Council's Legal and Social Issues Committee is calling for submissions to a new parliamentary inquiry examining the impact of parental imprisonment on children.

The Committee will explore the adequacy of policies and services to assist the children of imprisoned parents in Victoria.

"We especially want to hear from the community, including anyone who has lived experience relating to the inquiry, on the social, emotional and health impacts on children whose parents are in prison," said Committee Chair Fiona Patten.

The Committee will examine existing policies and services available for the children of imprisoned parents. It will consider available models in Victoria and other jurisdictions and examine their effectiveness.

The Committee will report back to Parliament by 1 July 2022.

The terms of reference and details on how to make a submission are available on the Committee's website.

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