

Media release

Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee

Wildlife roadstrike inquiry calls for submissions

Victorians can have their say as part of a new parliamentary inquiry into wildlife roadstrike.

The Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee is <u>taking</u> <u>public submissions</u> until Friday 30 May 2025.

The Committee is focussing on the capacity of relevant legislation and regulation to monitor wildlife roadstrike, promote driver education and raise public awareness.

It is also examining the involvement, training and expenditure of paid and volunteer rescue and rehabilitative organisations and individuals, as well as any new and emerging technologies and infrastructure used to prevent roadstrikes.

"The overworked wildlife sector is burnt out and many volunteers are forced to work multiple jobs to self-fund their transport and rescue equipment in order to perform the work," Committee Chair Georgie Purcell said.

"This inquiry will seek ways to support retention and mitigate obvious failings on our road networks, as well as explore new technology, to keep both animals and motorists safe."

The inquiry's considering the impact of roadstrike on Victorian motorists, including major trauma incidents and motor vehicle damage.

International efforts to decrease incidents of wildlife roadstrikes and current methods of data collection are being looked at as well.

"There is a lot we can learn from experts both locally and internationally through this inquiry process," Ms Purcell said.

The full terms of reference are on the <u>Committee's website</u>.

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