

Media release

Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee

Hearings scheduled for public housing redevelopment inquiry

The Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee will meet with residents and their representatives at the first hearing of its inquiry into the redevelopment of Melbourne's public housing towers.

The Committee is inquiring into the Victorian Government's 2023 decision to demolish and redevelop 44 high-rise public housing buildings in Melbourne.

The Committee will meet at the Djerring Flemington Hub (Flemington Community Centre), adjacent to the Flemington housing towers from 10 am Tuesday 24 June.

The hearing will be open to the public and broadcast live on the Committee's website.

The inquiry will hear from representatives of Inner Melbourne Community Legal, Social Housing Legal Program, Somali Community Inc, Moonee Valley Legal Service, Church of All Nations Community Support and Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre.

Public housing tower residents will share their views with the Committee from 2 pm.

The full schedule of witnesses is available on the Committee's website.

The Committee will explore the rationale and cost of demolition versus alternatives such as refurbishment, the impact on public housing residents, and the relocation of residents.

It will also assess the adequacy of consultations with residents, stakeholders, and government entities, and evaluate the proposed financial and legal models. The Committee will review building standards, the integration of different housing models, and the impact of the plan on bedroom availability, public and community housing numbers, the Victorian Housing Register, and on homelessness.

Go to the Committee's <u>website</u> for the full terms of reference, to sign up to email alerts or to download any of the more than 800 submissions to the inquiry.

The Committee expects to table its report by December 2025.

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