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Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee

Public housing redevelopment inquiry to sit in Richmond

The Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee will meet with Yarra City Council, public housing residents and their advocates next week as part 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 Community Room of North Richmond Community Health, 23 Lennox Street, Richmond on Tuesday 22 July from 10 am.

The hearing will be open to the public and broadcast live on the Committee's [website](#).

The inquiry will hear from Stephen Jolly, Mayor of Yarra City Council and Councillor Meca Ho, as well as representatives of the Fitzroy Legal Service, the Australian Vietnamese Women's Association and from a range of public housing tenants.

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 [website](#) 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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