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Select Committee on Victoria Planning Provisions Amendments VC257, VC267 and VC274

Two days of hearings set for planning amendments inquiry

A Legislative Council Select Committee will hold two days of public hearing in its inquiry into recent amendments to the Victoria Planning Provisions this week.

The hearings will be held on Tuesday April 29 from 9 am to 5 pm and Wednesday April 30 from 9 am to 5:15 pm. The hearings will be broadcast on the Committee's [website](#).

The Committee will hear from a wide range of analysts, interest groups, community organisations and local councils including the Planning Institute of Australia, Victorian Trades Hall Council, the Housing Industry Association, the Municipal Association of Victoria, Infrastructure Victoria and many others.

The full schedule of witnesses will be made available on the Committee's [website](#).

Amendment VC257 introduces the Housing Choice and Transport Zone and the Built Form Overlay into the Victoria Planning Provisions and is designed to support housing growth in areas with good public transport, infrastructure, and community facilities, particularly around activity centres.

Amendment VC267 aims to streamline the planning assessment process for residential developments, particularly for multi-residential dwellings up to three storeys.

Amendment VC274 introduces a new Precinct Zone to the Victoria Planning Provisions and all planning schemes in Victoria. This zone intends to support housing and economic growth in priority areas, particularly Suburban Rail Loop precincts.

The Committee will consider and report on whether the amendments give proper effect to the objectives of planning in Victoria, and the objectives of the planning framework, as set out in section 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

To read the terms of reference go to the Committee's [website](#).

The Committee will report by 13 May 2025.

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