



Media release

Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee

Public school funding inquiry seeking submissions

The Legislative Council's Legal and Social Issues Committee is inviting public submissions to its inquiry into the impact of the government's decision to delay increasing Victoria's public school funding.

The Victorian Government has delayed raising the state's school funding to 75 per cent of the Schooling Resource Standard until 2031. It was previously set to be increased by 2028.

This delay represents a \$2.4 billion reduction from previously committed funding for Victorian government schools.

The Committee is seeking input from individuals, educators, school communities, organisations and stakeholders on the implications of this funding decision, including:

- Comparative funding levels: State and Commonwealth funding per student in Victorian government schools relative to other states and territories.
- Commonwealth contributions: The impact of the delay on federal funding arrangements.
- Student outcomes: How the funding cut may affect the education of current and future students.
- Workforce effects: Consequences for Victoria's teaching and school workforce.
- Resources and infrastructure: The ability of schools to purchase educational resources, teaching materials, capital equipment, and maintain buildings and grounds.

"This inquiry is an opportunity for the community to have its voice heard on how school funding decisions affect students, teachers and the broader education system. We encourage all interested parties to make a submission," said Committee Chair Joe McCracken.

Submissions can be made via the Committee's [website](#) and are open until Friday 19 December.

The Committee will report its findings to Parliament by 30 April 2026.

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