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Legislative Assembly Economy and Infrastructure Committee

University governance inquiry calls for submissions

The Legislative Assembly Economy and Infrastructure Committee is inviting submissions to its inquiry into strengthening governance across Victoria's universities.

In October 2025 the national Expert Council on University Governance released a report outlining eight principles for effective university governance, covering areas such as accountability, diversity of perspectives, independence, transparency, trustworthiness, inclusivity and responsiveness, risk management and fair remuneration.

The Victorian Parliament has now asked the Committee to consider how to enhance the governance of Victoria's universities. The inquiry will examine how universities can strengthen governance practices by implementing the Expert Council's principles and the agreed priorities of the Commonwealth, State and Territory ministers responsible for higher education.

"This inquiry is an important opportunity to ensure Victorian universities are governed in a way that reflects the values of accountability, transparency, and inclusivity," said Committee Chair Alison Marchant.

"We want to hear from students, staff, and the broader community about how governance can better serve the public interest and strengthen trust in our higher education system."

Go to the Committee's website to read the full terms of reference.

The deadline for submissions is 1 March 2026.

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