



Inquiry seeking submissions on the impact of air pollution

The Legislative Council’s Environment and Planning Committee is inviting submissions to its inquiry into the health impacts of air pollution on Victorians.

Exposure to common air pollutants can exacerbate respiratory and cardiovascular conditions, lead to premature death and cost the Victorian economy hundreds of millions of dollars per year.

Vehicle transport, electricity generation, heavy industry, bushfires and dust storms all contribute to poor air quality.

“Our new public inquiry is seeking to determine what can be done to minimise the impacts from these pollutants,” said Committee Chair Sonja Terpstra.

“We’re keen to hear from people across our state who have information or suggestions they want us to consider, to ensure that Victorians can enjoy clean air in all the places they live, work and play,” she said.

Specifically, the Committee will seek to:

- identify state-wide practical, real-time, cost-effective mitigation strategies
- determine to what extent these strategies are ensuring that Victorian air quality continues to track towards meeting or exceeding current international best practice standards and is enforced
- determine the impact of economic and population growth on air pollution and health outcomes
- strengthen commitments across all Victorian Government portfolios to reduce air pollution and minimise the impact on the health of the Victorian population and environment.

Submissions are due by Friday, 2 April 2021, with public hearings to be held in May and June. A final report is due to be presented to Parliament in late August.

“Clean air is an essential part of living a healthy life, so I encourage anyone who has views to share on Victoria’s air quality to make a submission to our inquiry,” Ms Terpstra said.

Details on making a submission are available from the Committee’s [website](#).

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