



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA
Environment and Planning Standing Committee – Legislative Council

MEDIA RELEASE

Recycling inquiry invites community members to speak on factory fires

In response to major industrial fires in factories in Coolaroo in 2017, West Footscray in 2018 and Campbellfield in April this year, the Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee is inviting community members to speak about their experience and the impact it had on them of these or similar incidents.

The Committee will be conducting a public hearing at Parliament House on Tuesday, 6 August 2019 as part of its inquiry into recycling and waste management. The public hearing will include a series of community panels which will enable community members to tell their stories so that the Committee can consider community perspectives on waste management.

Community members who wish to speak with the Committee are invited to register either by emailing recyclinginquiry@parliament.vic.gov.au or phoning 8682 2869.

“At the start of this inquiry we heard from government agencies and the fire brigade about these major factory fires, and now it’s the turn of community members who were affected,” Committee Chair Cesar Melhem said.

“Factory fires have a significant impact on people living in the area and the Committee wants to ensure that their experience and views are considered,” Mr Melhem said.

“We are issuing this invitation to community members to come and speak with the Committee so that we have all the relevant facts before us as we look to make recommendations for the future of recycling and waste management in Victoria.”

While the focus of the hearing will be on the three major fires, community members with experience of other factory fires associated with waste management are also welcome to register to speak at the hearing.

For more information on the inquiry, including submissions received, go to the Committee’s [website](#).

Issued: 10 July 2019