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The Secretary

Inquiry into the Victorian Government's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Dear Sir /Madam

I was a lecturer in Construction law for 20 years for the degree of Master Engineering at


Part of the studies in that course was an examination of the problems with procurement and tendering processes by the government agencies . The failings in the procurement process in this matter have possibly resulted in the greatest losses ever arising from these failures in the past there have been substantial failures by an inadequate procurement process. For example in Victoria the Myki experience

I believe that the fundamental issue procure is the failure to have sufficient standing expertise and allotment to ongoing review of the procurement and in tender process .

It would be appropriate that an agency be set up properly resourced that could review the procurement process and will have an oversight to ensure both the front-end processes in procurement such as investigations as to the best parties and manner of that delivery of the services of works is done and continual regular overview of the process .

I understand that the current situation in terms of procurement for security services is done by a number of agencies. There is little expertise or resources for assessment of the tenderers for the services in terms of the manner and suitability and delivery .

A Properly resourced procurement agency would be able to carry out sufficient front-end work in terms of procurement to define the goals and manner of delivery and assess the suitability of the proposed manner of delivery by the proposed tenderers . A Properly resourced procurement agency would also be able to attend assessments in urgent and non-standard situations such as this health emergency and would have standards for procurement in disaster situations..

I would be happy to provide more details submissions.

Your truly

