



Media release

The Hon Matthew Guy MLC

Minister for Planning

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Have your say on improving Victoria's planning system

Planning Minister Matthew Guy today announced that the public submission process on ways to improve the planning system in Victoria is now open.

"I encourage anyone interested to take part in this significant overhaul of our planning system by making a submission to the Victorian Planning System Ministerial Advisory Committee," Mr Guy said.

"This is the chance for all Victorians to make their views known about what works and what does not work with the system and how it could be shaped for the future. This is a key commitment by the Coalition Government – to listen to the community."

The Advisory Committee, announced last month, is calling for submissions from any person wishing to make a comment about improving the Victoria Planning Provisions, planning schemes and the planning system generally.

Under the Terms of Reference the Advisory Committee is to:

- advise on ways of improving the planning system, including the legislative base, the structure of planning schemes - the structure of state and regional policy provisions - as well as regulations under the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and other relevant legislation;
- categorise the range of comments and issues to allow for further assessment in light of government planning policy;
- prioritise matters raised according to the frequency of raising and in light of Government Planning Policy;
- inform the government of the perceived efficiency of the planning system from the varied perspectives of the users; and
- recommend areas for further study and the preferred method for dealing with the issues arising from the findings.

Mr Guy said submissions should identify any issues of concern and suggest options for improvement and should be received by 31 August 2011.

Information about how to make a submission, together with the Terms of Reference, are available at www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/systemreview or from Information Victoria on 1300 366 356.

Advertisements calling for submissions will also be published in all major newspapers.

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