

Have your say: Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee Inquiry into the Health Impacts of Air Pollution in Victoria

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What we'll cover

- Writing Parliamentary inquiry submissions – refresher, hints and tips
- Applying submissions writing hints and tips to Health Impacts of Air Pollution in Victoria Inquiry
- Work-shop your submissions

Parliamentary committee

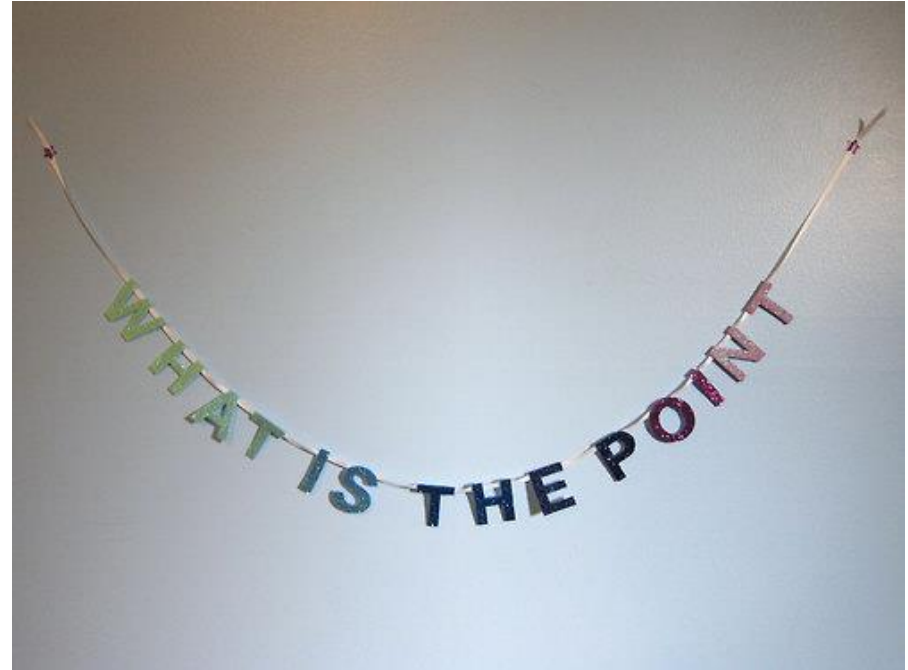


- What are they and what are they for
- What's the difference between these types of Inquiries and other 'have your say' moments
- If you would like to know more about Parliamentary committees and procedures in Victoria, check out:

<https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/>

Writing Parliamentary Inquiry submissions: what is the point

- Chance to shape law reform & policy recommendations
- (to appear before the Committee of Inquiry)
- Mobilise/motivate supporters and allies
- Clearly set out your position if you've not done so before



Effective submissions

- Include case studies & stories of how law/lack of regulation has failed you and caused problems
- Focus on the ToRs
 - Include glaring omissions if you think there are any
 - If you are critical of the process, say so but keep it brief
- Include clear recommendations
- State your point clearly – don't let the good bits get lost
- State facts, and back them up
- Consider researching the Committee members, how it is politically balanced, and the language you might use to convince them of your recommendations

Include:

- Introduction
- Case studies & stories (can be personal) of how issue is relevant to your group
 - Has law has failed you/your group in the past
 - What problems have been caused
 - Why lack of regulation is causing problems
- Recommendations
- Elaborate on your recommendations as they relate to the ToRs
- Expand on what you/your org thinks is missing
- Back up your position with facts and link to credible sources or include additional material as appendices
- Brevity is the key to having it read

Overview	Terms of Reference	Make a Submission	Submissions	Hearings and Transcripts	Media	Report
Government Response						

Terms of Reference

On 19 February 2020 the Legislative Council agreed to the following motion:

That this House requires the Environment and Planning Committee to inquire into, consider and report, by 29 October 2020, on actions to minimise the health impacts of air pollution, including, but not limited to —

- (a) state-wide practical, real-time, cost-effective mitigation strategies;
- (b) ensuring that Victorian air quality continues to track towards meeting or exceeding current international best practice standards and is enforced;
- (c) the impact of economic and population growth on air pollution and health outcomes;
- (d) strengthening commitments across all Victorian Government portfolios to reduce air pollution and minimise the impact on health; and
- (e) any other related matters.

 [Terms of Reference - Inquiry into Air Pollution in Victoria 93.89 KB](#)

On 2 June 2020, under temporary orders of the Legislative Council, the Committee advised the House that the tabling deadline for the inquiry was changed to 31 August 2021.

Last Updated on Monday, 22 February 2021

Inquiry link: <https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/epc-lc/inquiry/994>

Submissions close Friday 02 April 2021

Members: 3 x ALP; 1 x each of GRN, LIB, NAT, Animal Justice Party, Derryn Hinch's Justice Party; Sustainable Australia Party, Independent

Workshop session



- Start preparing your main points
 - Annotate the ToRs and your first thoughts
- Does a story you want to tell come immediately to mind about how the law has failed you or how the lack of Regulations causes ongoing problems
 - Jot down the key parts of this
- Do you need to follow up anything, e.g. gather additional resources? If so, start making a list of what you might need.

Thank you!



- EJA submission writing guide: https://celsorgau.files.wordpress.com/2016/05/how_to_write_a_law_reform_submission.pdf
- Victorian Auditor-General Report Improving Victoria's Air Quality: <https://www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/improving-victorias-air-quality?section=>
- Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group policy position: https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0029/486506/IWAQCRGReport_FINAL.pdf
- EJA's People's Clean Air Action Plan for Victoria: <https://www.envirojustice.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/VICTORIA-Clean-Air-Action-Plan-2021.pdf>
- Health expert position statement on health-based ambient NO_x, SO₂ and O₃ standards: <https://www.envirojustice.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Expert-Position-Statement-PDF.pdf>
- EJA submissions to the Victorian Clean Air Statement: <https://www.envirojustice.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/EJA-submission-VAQS-220618.pdf>
- NPI substances fact sheets: <http://www.npi.gov.au/substances/fact-sheets>
- EPA air pollution resources: <https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/environmental-information/air-quality/air-pollution>