

Inquiry into regulation of the housing construction sector and related issues

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Inquiry update

Draft report release and further consultation

The Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission released a draft report for the inquiry into regulation of the housing construction sector and related issues on 13 July 2005.

The release gives interested parties the opportunity to comment on the Commission's analysis of housing construction regulation in Victoria and draft recommendations prior to the presentation of the final report to government by 17 October 2005.

The report is available on the Commission's website: www.vcec.vic.gov.au and a limited number of printed copies are available for those who cannot readily access the internet (see details below).

Opportunity for further comment

The Commission is seeking submissions on the issues raised in the draft report from individuals, businesses, regulators and all other interested parties.

While there is no specified format for a submission (for example, it may be in a written or audio format), submissions may range from a short letter outlining your views, to a much more substantial document covering a range of issues. Where possible, you should provide evidence, such as relevant data and documentation, to support your views.

The Commission publishes all written submissions it receives in relation to an inquiry unless it considers that publication is not in the public interest because of the confidential nature of a submission or for some other reason. Anyone making a submission should be aware that while the Commission will respect the wishes of those making submissions "in confidence", the application of the Freedom of Information Act 1983 applies to all documents held by the Commission. Confidential material, should be provided under a separate cover and clearly marked 'IN CONFIDENCE'. Anyone wishing to make a submission in-confidence is asked to contact the Commission before doing so.

Each submission should also be accompanied by a cover sheet providing your personal contact details (including telephone numbers and postal address), or organisational details – if applicable. A submission template is available on the Commission's website at: www.vcec.vic.gov.au.

Please note that any personal details of individuals providing submissions, or individuals mentioned in submissions, will be removed from the text of submissions before they are placed on the public record. Furthermore, in the case of individuals, only the submitter's name (not telephone numbers and addresses) will appear on the cover sheet of the published submission.

Submissions may be sent by mail, fax or email.

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The Commission should receive all submissions by close of business 26 August 2005.

Further information

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