

Media Release

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VICTIMS OF CRIME SOUGHT FOR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

The Andrews Labor Government is calling for expressions of interest from Victorians who have been victims of crime to serve as representatives on the Victims of Crime Consultative Committee.

The Labor Government is seeking to appoint seven new community representatives who have experience in dealing with the impact of serious crimes, and who are committed to improving justice for victims.

The committee plays a vital role in helping shape Victoria's criminal justice system by giving victims and relevant agencies a formal role in providing advice to the government on laws, policies, practices, and services related to victims of crime.

The Attorney-General can also refer matters to the committee for consideration.

The representatives will serve a two-year term and meet as part of the committee four times a year. The representatives may also be called upon to meet more frequently to consult on victims' issues.

The committee was formed in 2013 and other members of the committee include the Victims of Crime Commissioner and representatives of Victoria Police, the Office of Public Prosecutions, the judiciary, the Adult Parole Board and victims' service agencies.

After serving two-year terms, the outgoing community representatives are Ms Sandra Betts, Ms Helen Cross, Ms Noelle Dickson, Ms Meliza Ludowyke, Mr Richard Prowse, Ms Carol Turner and Ms Jennifer Debnam-Williams.

Applications will close on Tuesday, 3 April, 2018. Information about how to submit an expression of interest is available at victimsofcrime.vic.gov.au/home/victims-of-crime-consultative-committee

Quotes attributable to Attorney-General Martin Pakula

"The Victims of Crime Consultative Committee is an important forum for victims to put forward their ideas, knowledge and experience."

"The committee gives victims a voice and it provides advice to Government about how to better support and respond to victims' needs."

"I thank the seven outgoing members who have offered their advice and unique perspectives to help us improve the justice system for others."