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## Call for public submissions for the McCrae Inquiry

The Board of Inquiry into the McCrae landslide is seeking submissions from the public to help inform the work of the Inquiry.

Community members, organisations, agencies and government bodies with relevant responsibilities are encouraged to share any relevant information they have with the Inquiry. Written submissions are welcome on any issues covered by the Inquiry's <u>Terms of Reference</u>.

Chair of the Inquiry, Ms Renée Enbom KC said "input from affected individuals and organisations is important to the Inquiry's task of investigating issues within the Terms of Reference".

"I encourage affected community members to make a written submission to the Inquiry to help us to understand the full context of what has happened," she said.

Those making a submission can opt for their submission to be treated as public, anonymous or confidential. Submissions should be made via <a href="www.mccraeinquiry.vic.gov.au/share-your-experiences">www.mccraeinquiry.vic.gov.au/share-your-experiences</a> by 30 April 2025.

Local consultations and site visits began last week, with the Chair of the Inquiry, Ms Enbom KC, visiting the landslide site to understand first-hand the impacts of the event.

The Inquiry team also met with affected McCrae residents in attendance to hear about their experiences, gather relevant information, and provide them with information about how to contribute to the Inquiry.

"Many residents affected have suffered significant impacts from the landslide, I want to acknowledge how challenging this has been on the McCrae community, and particularly those residents who have been displaced from their homes," said Ms Enbom KC.

"An important element of the Inquiry's work is to listen to the residents of McCrae, understand their personal experiences and gather relevant information that can help our investigation," she said.

Public hearing dates for the Inquiry will be announced shortly. The Inquiry's findings and recommendations will identify any measures to prevent or mitigate the risk of similar events occurring in the future in McCrae.

The Inquiry is required to deliver a final report to the Governor by 18 June 2025.