



Economics and Industry Standing Committee

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Request for parliamentary inquiry into the Western Australian building industry

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The Economics and Industry Standing Committee has received numerous requests over the past week from individuals asking that the committee conduct an inquiry into the building industry in Western Australia.

It has been suggested the committee inquire into matters such as the State's consumer protection regime, State stimulus grants, trade and labour shortages, and the legislative framework within which the State Administrative Tribunal, the *Home Building Contracts Act 1991*, and the *Building Services (Complaint Resolution and Administration) Act 2011* operate.

The committee is aware that many West Australians are frustrated and angry at the length of time taken to build homes, and that they feel let down by builders and the building industry at large.

The committee is focused on its current inquiry into the WA Domestic Gas Policy which is not likely to be finalised until early 2024. Given the resources involved in this inquiry, it is not possible to undertake a concurrent investigation into another matter. The committee will consider its next matter for inquiry in early 2024. This will be communicated individually to those who have approached the committee.

Committee Chair Hon P.C. Tinley MLA said:

'While we are sympathetic to those West Australians who are waiting long periods of time for their home to be built and who are finding themselves in difficulties because of this, the committee only has capacity to conduct one inquiry at a time.'

'Currently the committee is conducting an important and timely inquiry into the WA Domestic Gas Policy. We don't expect to be undertaking any new inquiries until after Parliament resumes in 2024.'

'I expect that when the time comes to determine our next inquiry the committee will carefully consider what would be of most benefit for the majority of West Australians and the State of Western Australia.'

For comment please contact the Chair, Hon Peter Tinley AM, MLA, on 0424 079 351.
