

Media Release

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SENIOR VICTORIANS TO HAVE A VOICE ON NEW COMMITTEE

The Allan Labor Government is inviting older Victorians to share their insights and experiences by joining the new Senior Victorians Advisory Committee.

Minister for Ageing Ingrid Stitt today launched the new Committee, which will provide more opportunities for older people to give advice directly to Government on their priorities, the challenges they face, and emerging issues.

By 2046, the number of Victorians 60 years and over is set to increase from 1.5 million to 2.3 million, equivalent to 25 per cent of the Victorian population.

Older Victorians play an important role in our community, making invaluable contributions to Victoria through their social, cultural and economic participation.

Advice from the new Senior Victorians Advisory Committee will help the Labor Government better understand the changing needs of older Victorians and inform programs that impact them.

The Committee's work will focus on providing advice on the implementation of the *Ageing Well Action Plan 2022-2026* and the lived experience of older Victorians.

In addition to this, the Committee will raise awareness of the positive contributions and meaningful participation of older people in social, economic and cultural life, as well as promoting rights and respect for older Victorians.

The Committee will consist of a Chairperson, up to eight community committee members and four sector organisation committee members.

People 60 years and over, and First Nations people 50 years and over, are eligible to apply to join the Committee before Tuesday, 2 July 2024. For more information, visit seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/advisory-committee

Quotes attributable to Minister for Ageing Ingrid Stitt

"It's important that we hear from older Victorians about the issues that impact their wellbeing, which is why the work of this committee will be so important."

"We are giving a voice to older Victorians from every walk of life to hear directly from them about how we can improve their lives."