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Private property rights: the need for disclosure and fair compensation - Committee recommends better consultation, disclosure, and compensation for private property rights

The Standing Committee on Public Administration has tabled its report on its Inquiry into Private Property Rights in the Legislative Council.

The 16-month Inquiry spanned a range of topics, including planning reservations, Environmentally Sensitive Areas, utility easements, water and fishing licenses. The Committee received 85 submissions from stakeholders including private citizens, industry bodies, advocacy groups and government agencies, and held 16 public hearings.

Chair of the Committee, Hon Adele Farina MLC, said:

"The right to private property is fundamental to our social and economic security.

"People understand that governments sometimes need to interfere with private property rights for the common good – to provide infrastructure, protect the environment and manage scarce resources.

"However, the Committee heard that the extent to which governments can restrict or interfere with property rights, without adequate consultation, compensation or disclosure, is increasing."

The Committee makes 55 findings and 46 recommendations, which primarily call for clarity, security and fairness to restore the balance between the common good and private property rights.

Please see the attached report.

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Chair