# Estate Agents Council

## Applications invited for a consumer member of the Estate Agents Council

The Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation, the Hon Marlene Kairouz MP, is seeking applications for a suitable qualified person to be appointed to the Estate Agents Council (EAC) to represent the interest of Victorian consumers involved in buying, selling and renting property.

The EAC is a statutory body established under section 6 of the *Estate Agents Act 1980* (the Act). Its objectives, role and functions are set out in sections 6A and 6B of the Act.

The role of the EAC is to advise the Minister on current and emerging issues and includes, among other matters, to:

* monitor developments in the real estate industry generally
* respond to issues referred to it by the Minister
* protect the interests of persons using real estate services
* promote appropriate standards of conduct and competency for persons in the real estate industry, and
* make recommendations to the Minister on applications for grants from the Victorian Property Fund.

EAC members are appointed by the Minister for terms of up to three years.

### Selection criteria

#### Required

Suitable candidates are required to contribute effectively to the Estate Agents Council overall, namely represent the interests of consumers and be able to demonstrate:

* experience in advocating for the rights of Victorian consumers, preferable in the real estate sector
* experience balancing competing interests
* an understanding of the responsibilities and obligations of a statutory office holder, and
* good interpersonal and communication skills

#### Desirable

Knowledge of the consumer property laws in place in Victoria.

### Applications

For further information about this position, telephone (03) 8684 6298 or email cav.committees@justice.vic.gov.au.

You can apply by sending your resume with a covering letter to

Project Manager, Executive Services
Consumer Affairs Victoria
GPO Box 123
Melbourne VIC 3001

or

cav.committees@justice.vic.gov.au

Applications must be received by midnight on Sunday 11 March 2018. Late applications will not be accepted.

### Selection process

Applications will be assessed in accordance with the Guidelines for the Appointment and Remuneration of Part-Time Non-Executive Directors of State Government Boards and Members of Statutory Boards and Advisory Committees (the Guidelines). For details, visit the Appointment and Remuneration Guidelines page of the Department of Premier and Cabinet website (http://www.dpc.vic.gov.au/index.php/policies/governance/appointment-and-remuneration-guidelines).

An independent Selection Panel will assess all applications and shortlist candidates for an interview.

The Selection Panel will submit its recommended candidates to the Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation who will make the appointments.

*The Victorian Government is committed to gender equality and is seeking to increase the participation of women on government boards. On 28 March 2015, the Premier announced that in this term of Government, 50 per cent of all new appointees to paid Victorian Government boards must be women. The Government is also seeking to ensure that, as far as practicable, its boards and committees reflect the diversity of the Victorian community. This includes Indigenous Australians, people with a disability, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people, in addition to women.*