



Terms of Reference

Legislative Assembly Economy and Infrastructure Committee

Inquiry into enhancing Victorian university governance

On 3 December 2025, the Legislative Assembly agreed to the following motion:

That this House refers an inquiry into enhancing Victorian university governance through:

- (a) greater accountability, transparency, and elevated community, staff and student voice at the highest governance level; and
- (b) implementing the Principles of the Expert Council on University Governance; and the agreed priorities of the Commonwealth, State and Territory ministers responsible for higher education; and
- (c) when considering the distinctive objectives of each university, the Committee will inquire into the ways by which universities are giving, and intend to give, effect, in a timely fashion, to the Final Report of the Expert Council on University Governance, with specific reference to how each university will:
 - (i) strengthen accountability for university performance and outcomes;
 - (ii) increase the transparency and representation of university council appointment processes, composition and decision-making;
 - (iii) support councils with greater higher education expertise and a range of staff, student and community perspectives and representation; and
 - (iv) ensure that university council decision-making is inclusive of and responsive to staff, students and other stakeholders

to the Economy and Infrastructure Standing Committee for consideration and report no later than 31 May 2026.

The reporting date was extended to 31 July 2026 by resolution of the Legislative Assembly on 18 March 2026.