



# TERMS OF REFERENCE

57<sup>th</sup> Parliament

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## **Inquiry into the environment effects statement process in Victoria**

"That this House acknowledges that, as a result of the prorogation of the 56<sup>th</sup> Parliament, the Environment and Natural Resources Committee was unsuccessful in producing a report into the environmental effects statement processes in Victoria and therefore this House again requires the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, utilising the evidence it previously gathered in the 56<sup>th</sup> Parliament, to inquire into, consider and report by 30 September 2011, on the environmental effects statement processes in Victoria, including the operation of the *Environment Effects Act 1978*, and in particular —

- (a) any weaknesses in the current system, including poor environmental outcomes, excessive costs and unnecessary delays encountered through the process and its mechanisms;
- (b) community and industry consultation under the Act;
- (c) the independence of environmental effects examination when government is the proponent; and
- (d) how better environmental outcomes can be achieved more quickly and predictably and with a reduction in unnecessary costs".

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