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Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee

Inquiry into decommissioning oil and gas infrastructure seeks submissions

The Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee is seeking public input as part of its inquiry into the decommissioning of oil and gas infrastructure.

The Committee will be investigating the scale and legal ownership structure of the infrastructure, including offshore wells, pipelines, high-pressure transmission and low-pressure distribution systems, and relevant projects in Commonwealth waters.

“We need to make an energy transition in this state away from our historical reliance on coal and gas and towards a renewable future,” said Committee Chair Ryan Batchelor.

“This inquiry will get to an important question about how the energy infrastructure in this state is dealt with as part of our energy transition,” he said.

The Committee wants to hear from stakeholders and the public on a range of issues including whether regulatory powers to ensure oil and gas companies deliver planned and timely infrastructure decommissioning are adequate; any actions Victoria can take to ensure oil and gas companies provide sufficiently to cover decommissioning costs; and opportunities for employment in decommissioning.

Go to the Committee’s [website](#) for the full terms of reference.

The Committee will report to the Parliament by June 2026.

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