



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.