Inquiry into renewable and affordable energy for apartments

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

An inquiry into how best to expand access to renewable and affordable electricity for Victorians in apartments and other multi-unit dwellings, including consideration of:

- a. recent developments in energy supply and technology options for these dwellings over the last four years;
- b. barriers and inequities experienced by Victorians in such dwellings, including renters and social housing tenants, when accessing renewable and affordable electricity compared with other households;
- c. options to increase access to renewable and affordable electricity for these dwellings, including shared rooftop solar, balcony or façade solar, community batteries and virtual power plants;
- d. the likely impacts of those options on different groups of Victorians, including by tenure type, income, housing type and location, on the type, affordability and reliability of energy they receive; and
- e. any legislative, regulatory, planning or market reforms that could support the implementation of options, consistent with Victoria's legislated emissions reduction and renewable energy targets

to the Environment and Planning Standing Committee for consideration and report no later than 30 September 2026.