



# Terms of Reference

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

### Inquiry into Decommissioning Oil and Gas Infrastructure

**On 28 August 2024, the Legislative Council agreed to the following motion:**

That the Environment and Planning Committee inquire into, consider and report, by June 2026, on —

- (a) the scale and legal ownership structure of Victoria's oil and gas infrastructure, including offshore wells, pipelines, high-pressure transmission and lowpressure distribution systems, and relevant projects in Commonwealth waters;
- (b) the scale and nature of oil and gas infrastructure requiring decommissioning over the coming decades, including onshore works and works in Commonwealth and Victorian waters;
- (c) the regulatory powers of the Victorian Government to ensure oil and gas companies deliver planned and timely infrastructure decommissioning;
- (d) any actions the Victorian Government can take to ensure oil and gas companies provide sufficiently to cover decommissioning costs;
- (e) opportunities for employment in decommissioning;
- (f) opportunities for Traditional Owner acknowledgement, consultation and employment where oil and gas infrastructure exists on their ancestral lands and/or Sea Country;
- (g) identifying current and potential leaked greenhouse gases from Victoria's existing and retired oil and gas infrastructure, including relevant projects in Commonwealth waters and the quantity of leaks; and
- (h) any actions the Victorian Government can take to cap and otherwise protect the population from leaked greenhouse gases across Victoria's existing and retired oil and gas infrastructure.