



## **Economic, Education, Jobs & Skills Committee**

### **Inquiry into Community Energy Projects**

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To the Economic, Education, Jobs and Skills Committee, for consideration and report no later than 1 July 2017, into supporting the role of communities in the Victorian energy economy and, in undertaking the inquiry, the Committee should:

1. look at the potential role of co-operatives, mutuals, social enterprises and community ownership in the energy sector;
2. investigate the benefits of community owned energy programs;
3. investigate the best ways to encourage the uptake of community energy projects;
4. investigate the ability to expand community energy projects outside of solar and wind power;
5. review the best practice models of other Australian and international jurisdictions for supporting community ownership options in the energy sector;
6. investigate the challenges to community energy projects in metropolitan areas; and
7. investigate ways to support communities to surmount challenges to community owned energy in metropolitan areas.