



## **Terms of Reference**

### **Inquiry into the Sustainability and Operational Challenges of Victoria's Rural and Regional Councils**

Received from the Legislative Council on 6 May 2015:

To the Environment, Natural Resources and Regional Development Committee to inquire into, consider and report, no later than 31 March 2016\*, on the sustainability and operational challenges of Victoria's rural and regional councils, including but not limited to the following —

- (a) local government funding and budgetary pressures;
- (b) fairness, equity and adequacy of rating systems;
- (c) impact of rate-capping policies;
- (d) capacity for rural and regional councils to meet responsibilities for flood planning and preparation, and maintenance of flood mitigation infrastructure;
- (e) maintenance of local road and bridge networks; and
- (f) weed and pest animal control.

\*The reporting date has been extended to 30 March 2018.