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Future industries focus for Latrobe Valley transition inquiry

The Legislative Council's Economy and Infrastructure Committee will explore future economic opportunities for the Latrobe Valley in a hearing tomorrow Wednesday, March 16.

The Committee is conducting an inquiry into the closure of the Hazelwood and Yallourn power stations, examining the impact of the closure of the coal fired power stations on the economy and jobs in the Latrobe Valley.

Hazelwood was decommissioned in 2017, while Yallourn is due to close in 2028.

Among those presenting at the hearing will be Scott McArdle, CEO and Executive Director Gippsland Circular Economy Precinct, senior staff from the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions, Rae Mackay, Chair of the Board of the Mine Land Rehabilitation Authority and Nicola Pero, Chief Executive Officer Food and Fibre Gippsland.

The inquiry will explore options for the State Government to pursue to offset the loss of more than 1,000 direct jobs from the plant, as well as associated contractors.

It will also examine the effectiveness of the Latrobe Valley Authority in helping the region transition.

The session will be [live broadcast](#) between 9:30 am and 2:45 pm.

The full schedule, terms of reference, submissions and transcripts of earlier hearings can be found on the inquiry's [website](#).

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