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Committee to visit Yallourn and Hazelwood

The Legislative Council's Economy and Infrastructure Committee inquiry into the closure of the Hazelwood and Yallourn power stations will hold hearings in Traralgon and visit both the Yallourn and Hazelwood power stations this week.

The Committee is examining the impact of the closure of the power stations on the economy and jobs in the Latrobe Valley.

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

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 Committee will sit at the Grand Promenade, Century Inn, 5 Airfield Rd, Traralgon on Wednesday March 2 and Thursday March 3.

Witnesses will include Chris Buckingham, Chief Executive Officer, Latrobe Valley Authority; Sarah Rhodes-Ward, Regional Director, Regional Development Victoria Gippsland; and Steve Dodd, Secretary, Gippsland Trades and Labour Council.

The Committee will also hear from Jeremy Stone, Non-Executive Director, J-Power; Tony Cantwell, Chief Executive Officer, Committee for Gippsland; and from representatives of offshore wind project, Star of the South and Federation University.

On Thursday March 3 representatives of Energy Australia, Engie and AGL Loy Yang will appear as witnesses, before the Committee tours the facilities at Yallourn and Hazelwood.

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

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