

## THE REVIEW OF VICTORIA'S ELECTRICITY AND GAS NETWORK SAFETY FRAMEWORK UPDATE

### Summary update of the review

The Review of Victoria's Electricity Network Safety Framework in January 2017 has now completed several of its initial milestones. The Issues Paper for electricity was released on the 3 April and was followed by a Community and Industry Consultation forum held on 4 April with over thirty attendees, representing a variety of organisations, participating.

Submissions responding to the electricity network safety issues paper closed on 28 April and submissions were received from a cross-section of stakeholders. When requested, the review has been accepting later submissions to facilitate stakeholder input.

An announcement of the review's expansion to include the gas networks was made on 5 May 2017. A Supplementary Gas Issues Paper was released on 11 May with a submission deadline of 16 June. All submissions made to both papers are currently being analysed and the drafting of the Interim Report has commenced. Submissions have been published, unless confidentiality has been requested.

To inform the review findings, the Secretariat has been conducting a best practice electricity and gas safety review with interstate jurisdictions and has commissioned Marsden Jacob to conduct a best practice review of international jurisdictions. The Secretariat has also commissioned the University of Melbourne to report on the existing electricity and gas network safety performance data held by Energy Safe Victoria.

The review's interim report on the electricity and gas network safety frameworks is currently expected to be released late in this third quarter of 2017 (in September 2017). Consistent with a consultative approach, the review's interim report will be released publicly for comment prior to the final report, which is to be provided to the Minister by the end of 2017.

Effective consultation and engagement with interested stakeholders is a priority for the review. The Secretariat is available to assist stakeholders with any questions or issues they may wish to raise. The Secretariat can be contacted at [delwp.secretariat@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:delwp.secretariat@delwp.vic.gov.au) or (03) 9412 4556.

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