

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

Summary update of the Review

The Review will be wrapping up the preparation of its interim report in coming weeks, taking into account the submissions provided in response to the Review's Issues Papers. In addition to meeting with business and union representatives, the Review has met with a range of regulators with an interest in electricity and gas network safety. The Review has also completed a series of roundtable discussions with ESV officers, exploring key aspects of ESV's regulatory functions and capabilities. Finally, as previously reported in the July update, the Review has commissioned external reports on best practice safety regulation internationally, and on network safety data and analysis to assist in its consideration of Victoria's energy network safety frameworks.

It is anticipated that the interim report will now be completed for public release before the end of October, a few weeks later than previously foreshadowed in the Review's July update.

The interim report will be open for a month to facilitate public submissions on the report's findings and proposals.

Following consideration of these further submissions, the Review will provide its final report to the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change by the end of the year in accordance with its Terms of Reference.

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 or (03) 9412 4556.

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