



Terms of Reference

Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee

Inquiry into the industrial hemp industry in Victoria

On 31 May 2023, the Legislative Council agreed to the following motion:

That the Legislative Council requires the Economy and Infrastructure Committee to inquire into, consider and report, by 15 November 2023, on —

- (1) issues, barriers and opportunities within the current Victorian industrial hemp industry;
- (2) the current Victorian industrial hemp industry compared to other relevant jurisdictions;
- (3) the constraints and confounders to expanding the industrial hemp industry in Victoria;
- (4) the environmental benefits and costs of an expanded industrial hemp sector;
- (5) how industrial hemp can be best utilised to assist Victoria in meeting emissions reduction targets;
- (6) how the Victorian government could support industry development and growth across Victoria;
- (7) whether the regulatory and licensing framework for hemp cultivation and hemp products may be streamlined to benefit the expansion of the industrial hemp industry, including but not limited to the introduction of a standalone industrial hemp act;
- (8) key elements for the potential development of a hemp industry plan for Victoria; and
- (9) any other relevant matters.