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REVIEW TO STRENGTHEN VICTORIA’S RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

The Andrews Labor Government is working to strengthen the state’s response to climate change by initiating a review of the Climate Change Act 2010.

The Labor Government will position Victoria as a leader in climate change so we can adapt to its effects, reduce emissions and preserve our way of life.

The independent review of the Climate Change Act 2010 is one of the first steps towards restoring Victoria’s status as a leader and model for other governments in tackling climate change.

Minister for Climate Change, Lisa Neville, has appointed an independent review committee to conduct the review, with Martijn Wilder AM as Chair, and members Anna Skarbek and Professor Rosemary Lyster.

The committee will propose options to strengthen the Act, so it can provide a strong foundation for Victorian action on climate change.

The report will be delivered to the Government before 31 December 2015. It will then be tabled in Parliament early in 2016, to be followed by a Government response.

Quotes Attributable to Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water, Lisa Neville

“Climate change is already happening, and it is threatening to irreversibly affect our communities, our environment and our way of life.”

“We want to transition our economy to reduce emissions, in ways that grow the economy and increase jobs and the review of the Act will help us identify those opportunities.”

“I’ve appointed a committee of climate change experts and to provide timely independent advice and recommendations to Government on the Climate Change Act.”