



Media release

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Minister announces details of the review of the Climate Change Act

Minister for Environment and Climate Change Ryan Smith today announced the details of the Victorian *Climate Change Act (2010) Review*.

The Climate Change Act drafted by the former Labor Government, includes a provision under section 19 which mandates that the Victorian Minister for Environment and Climate Change immediately undertake a review of the Act should legislation for a national emissions trading scheme be introduced by the Commonwealth government.

“The Commonwealth has introduced legislation that triggers an automatic review of the Climate Change Act.

“This review will help to provide greater coordination between federal and state based activities to address our impact on the climate and the climate’s impact on us.

“It is imperative that we avoid duplication and minimise the waste of Victorian resources, while making the most of any opportunities that may be identified in the review.”

Specifically, the review will examine:

- the impact of the national carbon price on the Victorian Government’s climate change policy objectives as outlined in the Act; and
- appropriate policy mechanisms to achieve the Victorian Government’s policy objectives as outlined in the Act.

The review will be conducted by Dr Lynne Williams.

A former senior bureaucrat, Dr Williams was Under Secretary for the Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance. She has spent over 30 years working for State and Federal Governments. She has provided advice to Federal and State governments on economic, environmental and social policy issues. Dr Williams will be assisted by senior officials from the Department of Sustainability and Environment and the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

“While the review is underway, it will be business as usual and the provisions of the Climate Change Act will remain operational.

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“The Victorian Coalition Government welcomes input into the review from external stakeholders.”

To make a submission to the review please visit:

<http://www.climatechange.vic.gov.au/home/review-of-climate-change-act>

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