



Inquiry into the costs for remediation of sites containing coal ash repositories

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. That the Public Works Committee inquire into and report on the costs for remediation of coal ash repositories in New South Wales, and in particular:
 - (a) prospective or current quantum of government liability for remediating contamination at sites associated with:
 - (i) Mount Piper power station,
 - (ii) Bayswater power station,
 - (iii) Liddell power station,
 - (iv) Vales Point power station,
 - (v) Eraring power station, and
 - (vi) any other relevant power station.
 - (b) prospective timing of government expenditure in relation to remediation at those sites,
 - (c) economic and employment opportunities associated with coal ash re-use, site remediation and repurposing of land,
 - (d) adequacy and effectiveness of the current regulatory regime for ensuring best practice remediation of coal ash repositories,
 - (e) mitigation of actual or perceived conflict of interest arising from the state having ongoing liability for remediation costs the quantum of which will be impacted by government policy and regulatory action,
 - (f) risks and liabilities associated with inadequate remediation including community and environmental health impacts, and
 - (g) any other related matters.
2. That the committee report by Wednesday 31 March 2021.¹

¹ The original reporting date was 1 July 2020 (*Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 15 October 2019, pp 503-504). The reporting date was later extended to 31 March 2021 (*Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 2 June 2020, p 962).

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