

Education and Training Reform Act 2006

Clean Economy Skills and Jobs Taskforce Order 2021

MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. 1333

(Version incorporating amendments as at 12 October 2021)

I, **Gayle Tierney**, Minister for Training and Skills, and Minister for Higher Education, make the following Order –

1. Title

This Order may be cited as Ministerial Order No. 1333 – *Clean Economy Skills and Jobs Taskforce Order 2021*.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Order is to establish, and appoint the Chairperson and other members to, the Clean Economy Skills and Jobs Taskforce, for the purposes of providing me with advice on matters related to Clean Economy skill needs, and to oversee the development and implementation of a Clean Economy Workforce Development Strategy, and other matters as set out in the Taskforce’s terms of reference.

3. Authorising Provisions

This Order is made under sections 5.2.10 and 5.10.4 to the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*.

4. Commencement

This Order takes effect on the date it is signed.

5. Definitions

In this Order—

- (a) **CEO of the VSA** means the person from time to time employed by the Premier as, or assigned by the Premier to act as, the Administrative Office Head of the VSA under the *Public Administration Act 2004*;
- (b) **Clean Economy** means:
 - (i) those sectors of the Victorian economy that directly contribute to climate change adaptation and mitigation, including:
 - A. renewable energy (such as solar, wind, hydroelectricity, bioenergy and green hydrogen), energy efficiency and demand management, energy transmission and storage technologies;
 - B. the use of circular economy practices (particularly in material usage and material efficiency including waste management);

- C. other zero emission economic activity (for example, in transport and agriculture); and
 - D. other climate change adaptation and mitigation activity (for example, carbon capture and storage hydrogen);
- (ii) key sectors of the Victorian economy that are impacted by climate change and the transition towards a clean economy such as construction, manufacturing, agriculture, forestry, food and fibre, tourism; and
 - (iii) key sectors of the Victorian economy that will be drivers of the transition towards a clean economy and in addressing climate change;
- (c) **executive of the VSA** means a person employed by the CEO of the VSA as an executive under Part 3 of the *Public Administration Act 2004*;
- (d) **Taskforce** means the Clean Economy Skills and Jobs Taskforce established under clause 6;
- (e) **VSA** means the Victorian Skills Authority, established as an Administrative Office on 1 July 2021 by Order of the Governor in Council, dated 29 July 2021, under the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

6. Establishment of Taskforce

The Clean Economy Skills and Jobs Taskforce is established.

7. Appointments

- (1) The Taskforce is to comprise of the following members—
- (a) the CEO of the VSA (or a nominee of the CEO), who is to be the Chairperson of the Taskforce;
 - (b) Pam Jonas of the Victorian TAFE Association;
 - (c) Alex Newman of the Centre for U (Electrical Trades Union RTO);
 - (d) Brendan Gould of the Master Plumbers and Mechanical Services Association;
 - (e) Dr Colin Long of the Victorian Trades Hall Council;
 - (f) Dylan Wight of the Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union;
 - (g) Glenn Menzies of the Plumbing and Pipe Trades Employees Union;
 - (h) Pawel Podolski of the National Electrical and Communications Association;
 - (i) Dylan Broomfield of the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
 - (j) Louise McGrath of AI Group;
 - (k) Amandine Denis-Ryan of ClimateWorks Australia;
 - (l) Dr Anita Talberg of the Clean Energy Council;

(m) Andrew Petersen of the Business Council of Sustainable Development Australia;

(n) Karen Cain of the La Trobe Valley Authority;

(o) Luke Menzel of the Energy Efficiency Council; and

(p) Alesha Printz of Engineers Australia.

(2) For the purposes of subclause (1)(a), the CEO of the VSA may nominate a person employed as an executive of the VSA to represent the CEO of the VSA in relation to the performance of his or her functions as a member and the Chairperson of the Taskforce.

(3) Where the CEO of the VSA or a nominee is unable to attend a Taskforce meeting, the CEO of the VSA must, prior to the meeting, appoint another member to be the Chairperson for that meeting.

8. Functions and powers

(1) The terms of reference for the Taskforce is set out in Schedule 1 to this Order.

(2) The Taskforce may do anything that is necessary or convenient to be done for, or in connection with, the terms of reference except for employing or engaging persons or spending monies.

9. Terms and Conditions of Appointment

The terms and conditions of appointment of each member of the Taskforce (including the Chairperson) are set out in Schedule 2 to this Order.

Dated: 02 September 2021

The Hon. Gayle Tierney MP
Minister for Training and Skills
Minister for Higher Education

SCHEDULE 1

Clean Economy Skills and Jobs Taskforce

Terms of Reference

1. The purpose of the Taskforce is to provide industry-led independent strategic advice to the Minister for Skills and Training and the Minister for Higher Education (together, **the Minister**) on the Clean Economy's workforce skill needs so that Government investment in the Victorian TAFE and Training system is aligned to meet these needs.
2. The Taskforce is designed to support the implementation across Government of a wide range of programs and initiatives relating to the Government's clean economy policies by providing advice to Government, industry, businesses and the TAFE and training system on workforce skills needs, issues, gaps, priorities and next steps.
3. Specifically, the role of the Taskforce is to:
 - a) Provide independent expert strategic advice to the Minister, or any other person or body as requested by the Minister, on the Clean Economy sector's skills and training needs.
 - b) Oversee the development and delivery of the Clean Economy Workforce Development Strategy (the Strategy) by 30 June 2023. The objective of the Strategy is to ensure Government investment in Clean Economy skills and training over the next ten years is efficient and targeted towards new and emerging Clean Economy workforce needs.
 - c) Support the development and implementation of the Clean Economy Workforce Capacity Building Fund (the Fund). The Fund will provide grants to build capacity in training delivery for the Clean Economy workforce needs identified in the Strategy, for the Vocational Education and Training (VET) workforce and in industry settings.
 - d) Engage and consult with industry and other relevant stakeholders through a series of industry roundtables to identify, understand, consolidate and prioritise clean economy job opportunities and related workforce skills needs, training and higher education requirements
 - e) Engage and consult across other key Victorian industries (e.g. construction, manufacturing, and agriculture) to identify both the job opportunities and risks associated with the transition to a clean economy and provide advice to Government on re-skilling and upskilling requirements to support job creation and also job transition
 - f) Provide advice to the Minister on next steps for government investment in the TAFE and Training system, and for advocacy and strategies to drive investment in the university sector, to align training and higher education with industries' needs and to support the Government's implementation of its clean economy policies and programs
 - g) Identify, engage, consult, and work with existing government advisory mechanisms and stakeholder engagement frameworks so that the work of the Clean Economy Jobs and Skills Taskforce builds on, reinforces and is aligned to relevant government priorities and activities
 - h) Acquit all of the above with particular reference to the opportunities and challenges for regional and rural Victoria.

- i) Provide advice to the Minister, or any other person or body as requested by the Minister, on any other matters referred to the Taskforce by the Minister from time to time.

SCHEDULE 2**Clean Economy Skills and Jobs Taskforce****Terms and conditions of appointment of members**

1. Period of Appointment

Members of the Taskforce are appointed from the date on which this Order commences until 30 June 2023 (both dates inclusive).

2. Duties and responsibilities

Members of the Taskforce must perform their duties and functions, and exercise the powers, in accordance with this Order and the terms of reference set out in Schedule 1 to this Order.

3. Termination Arrangements

At any time during the period of appointment:

- a) a member of the Taskforce may resign by giving notice of the resignation in writing to the Minister;
- b) the Minister may revoke the appointment of a member of the Taskforce by giving notice of the revocation in writing to the Appointee.

4. Travel and Personal Expenses arrangements

Members of the Taskforce are entitled to be reimbursed for all reasonable travel and personal expenses incurred in carrying out their duties, in accordance with Part 5.5 of the *Victorian Public Service Executive Employment Handbook*, as if they were VPS executives under the Handbook.

5. Code of conduct

When performing their duties and functions, members of the Taskforce must comply with the *Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities*, as issued and amended by the Victorian Public Sector Commissioner under the **Public Administration Act 2004** from time to time, as if they were directors of a public entity under the Code of Conduct.

6. Other terms and conditions

Members of the Taskforce are subject to any further terms and conditions of appointment as may be agreed with the Secretary to the Department of Education and Training, and recorded in a letter signed by the Secretary and the member, from time to time.

ENDNOTES

Table of Amendments

This publication incorporates amendments made to the Ministerial Order (Clean Economy Skills and Jobs Taskforce Order) 2021 by subsequent amending ministerial orders.

Ministerial Order No. 1353 – Order Amending the Clean Economy Skills and Jobs Taskforce Order 2021

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