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Senator Madigan asked:

In 2011-12, the then Federal Labor government and the then NLP Victorian State government formally established a joint LV Transition Committee. Does the Federal-Victorian LV Transition Committee still exist? If so, which Federal and Victorian portfolios is it located in? If it no longer exists, is there any mechanism in place currently to plan out and manage economic and industry transition of the Latrobe Valley in anticipation of power station closure? If such a mechanism exists, what is it and in which Federal portfolio is it located?

Answer:

The Federal-Victorian Latrobe Valley Transition Committee has ceased.

Latrobe City Council currently has a Gippsland Carbon Transition Committee and is developing a transition plan. Further information on the Gippsland Carbon Transition Committee is available at:

www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Business_and_Investment/Transition_to_a_Low_Carbon_Economy

The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development ran the Latrobe Valley Economic Diversification Programme to provide up to \$10.85 million to two infrastructure projects to support economic diversification in the Latrobe Valley. Further information on this programme is available at: <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/latrobe/index.aspx>