



HRL selected for Expert Panel assisting Government in Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry Implementation Plan

Energy expert, HRL, has been selected to join an Expert Panel of technical consultants and independent peer reviewers to assist Government in implementing the Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry Implementation Plan Actions IP-156 and IP-181.

The Hazelwood Mine Fire devastated the Latrobe Valley. Burning for 45 days over February and March 2014, it hit local communities hard and left residents physically and emotionally exhausted. In May 2015, a reopened Inquiry was asked to investigate:

Whether the Hazelwood Mine Fire led to increased deaths
How to improve the health of the Latrobe Valley community
Options for rehabilitation of the Latrobe Valley coal mines
Following its investigations, the Inquiry provided recommendations on how to ensure the same mistakes are not made again. In total, the Government will invest more than \$80 million to respond to the Hazelwood Mine Fire, and will work in collaboration with the Expert Panel to ensure the Inquiry Implementation Plan Actions are implemented for best results.

With HRL's broad energy expertise and long-standing commitment to the Latrobe Valley, the organisation is well equipped to fulfil this role. Ken Jefferd, CEO of HRL, said, "We are proud to be a part of the Expert Panel serving the Latrobe Valley. With a long history of service in this area dating back to the 1950s, it is important to us to ensure the long-term health, safety, and prosperity of this region. We look forward to collaborating with other experts in the field to ensure the Government delivers on these objectives."

ABOUT HRL

With a rich history that began with the provision of science and engineering firepower to start Australia's brown coal power station industry back in the 1950s, we're trusted by the biggest businesses in Australia and Asia for good reason. Our proven track record includes being a part of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria, and then working with the Victorian State electricity sector privatization in the mid-90s. Over the years, there's not much we haven't seen if it's exploded, fallen down, fallen apart, or just worn out, our expert engineers have fixed it!

In 2016, under new ownership, we've reinvented HRL with big growth aspirations designed to make a difference in critical industries like thermal power, mining and minerals, renewables, manufacturing, legal and insurance. Today, our expert engineers work with the likes of AGL, Engie, Rio Tinto, Coles, IXOM, Origin, Lion Nathan, and other blue chip businesses. Acting as their trusted technical partner, we willingly collaborate with likeminded engineers, general managers, quality control, asset managers, and procurement teams to meet and exceed their goals.

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