

“The Renewable Landscape in Victoria: VRET and Beyond” March 14th 2018

On 14 March 2018, Ashurst hosted over 70 attendees to discuss the renewable market landscape two years on from the Victorian Renewable Energy Target commitments made in 2016. The intent of the event was to exchange ideas and views in an informal forum, to support industry engagement on responsible energy policies and hear from both government and private sector channels.

The audience had the opportunity to hear from a diverse panel of speakers including:

- **Simon Corbell**, Victoria's **Renewable Energy Advocate**;
- **Andrew Hyland**, Executive Manager, Commercial and Wholesale Markets at **Pacific Hydro**; and
- **Patricia Boyce**, Director at **Seed Advisory**.

Justin Jones, Counsel of **Ashurst** effectively facilitated the panel and drew out robust views through a number of fascinating topics including: the Victorian Renewable Energy Auction Scheme, the increasing competitiveness of the renewables industry, potential reliability and network issues associated with renewables, the challenges faced by energy aggregation schemes and the increasing appetite for Corporate PPAs.

The panel also delved into the Federal Government's recently announced National Energy Guarantee. The audience actively engaged with the panel on the likelihood of the NEG being implemented and the possible impact of impending state elections.

The AIE Melbourne Chapter would like to thank the panel for donating their time and insights, and Ashurst for its ongoing support of AIE events. For more information on upcoming events, head to www.aie.org.au.