

VICTORIA ELECTRICITY PTY LTD

LICENCE APPLICATION

Victoria Electricity Pty Ltd (VEL) has applied for a licence under the provisions of the *Gas Industry Act 2001* to retail gas in Victoria.

The *Gas Industry Act 2001* provides that the Commission may grant or refuse a licence for any reason it considers appropriate having regard to the Commission's objectives under the *Gas Industry Act 2001* and the *Essential Services Commission Act 2001* and must not grant an application for the issue of a retail gas licence unless the applicant meets the objectives of the relevant legislation.

Interested parties are invited to make submissions to the Commission concerning the application received by Victoria Electricity Pty Ltd. Submissions must be relevant to the matters upon which the Commission must satisfy itself and the Commission's objectives under the *Gas Industry Act 2001* and the *Essential Services Commission Act 2001*.

Submissions should be addressed to:

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or forwarded by way of e-mail to richard.bunting@esc.vic.gov.au by the close of business on **18 January 2004**.

All submissions will be published on the Commission's website, however, if you so desire, please nominate any relevant section that should be withheld from publication on the grounds of being commercial and in confidence.