

Victorian Budget 2022/23

**2022-23 Budget Estimates
Hearing**

Regulatory Reform

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Regulatory Reform Agenda

- Over 50 reform programs delivering up to \$200 million in ongoing benefits
- Removing red tape and saving time and money for business and workers
- Both State government and local councils are delivering these reforms
- Some key initiatives that will be covered in more detail:
 - Regulation Reform Incentive Fund
 - Fast Track Reviews
 - Regulatory Legislative Amendment (Reform) Act
 - Business Licensing Review
 - Better Approvals for Business

Regulation Reform Incentive Fund

Funding over 50 regulatory reforms across State government and local councils delivering up to \$200 million in benefits



Expanded the network of pre-approved routes for oversized vehicles



Making enrolment in training easier through improvements to determining student eligibility for skills first funding



Removing paper-based renewals of liquor licensing



Supporting local councils to digitise approvals and develop easy-to-understand information on approvals



Leveraging Service Victoria's growing capabilities

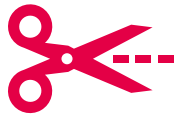
Business Acceleration Fund

2022-23 Budget is extending the RRIF through the Business Acceleration Fund

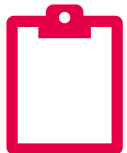
Support projects that help lower the overall regulatory burden on business



Modernise and streamline regulatory processes



Replace cumbersome paper-based processes



Reduce duplicate requests for information

Moving quickly to remove pain points for business



Skip the permit – automatic approvals for low-risk activities such as outdoor fitness training in parks



The regulatory legislative amendment (reform) act made a number of regulatory improvements, including modernising the publications of public notices

Making approvals easier



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Better approvals for telecommunications infrastructure

Essential Services Commission (ESC) Energy Fairness Plan implementation

The ESC is delivering the Government's Energy Fairness Plan

- Passage of the *Essential Services Commission (Compliance and Enforcement Powers) Amendment Act 2021*
- Strengthening the ESC's enforcement powers
- Implementing much-needed reforms to protect consumers and help them navigate the energy market

Social Housing Regulation Reform

Independent review to determine how we position Victoria for social housing growth and transformation



Aims to identify how best to support the long-term interests of social and affordable housing residents and their communities



Wide ranging consultation with more than 120 stakeholders and over 1 000 responses from the social housing sector



Released an interim report in December 2021 with nearly 90 preliminary recommendations



On track to publicly release a final report in 2022

Thank you