

# Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Inquiry into the 2014-15 Financial and Performance Outcomes

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

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# DELWP overview

## DELWP strategic framework

STATE OUTCOME	A stronger, fairer, better Victoria					
FOCUS AREAS	People		Jobs			Growth
Shared Outcome	Liveable, inclusive, sustainable communities and natural environments					
OUR MANDATE	Supporting Victoria's natural and built environment to ensure economic growth and liveable, sustainable and inclusive communities that are resilient to the impacts of climate change					
OUR OUTCOMES	Healthy, resilient and biodiverse environment	Productive and effective land management	Safe and sustainable water resources	A quality built environment	Sustainable and effective local governments	Reduced impact of major bushfire and other emergencies on people, property and the environment
OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	Effective environment policy, programs, investment and regulation	Delivering quality land administration and information services	Delivering effective water management meet future urban, rural, and environmental needs	Plan for future growth and transformation of cities and regions	Supporting effective and efficient local government and services	Managing risk to life, property and the environment
	Provide leadership in developing climate change policy and programs	Community benefits from effective management of land assets	Delivering effective catchment and waterway management	Leadership and advice on heritage protection and built environment	Partnering to support effective local infrastructure planning and delivery of growing communities	Enhance community and ecosystem resilience
OUR VALUES	Teamwork, Service Excellence, Ownership, Wellbeing and Safety					
OUR FOCUS AREAS	<b>Delivering for Government</b> DELWP will be clear about what we are delivering, how we deliver it, and how it is advancing the government's agenda					
	<b>Positive culture and leadership</b> DELWP will build a positive culture that drives high performance through strong leadership, diversity, collaboration, innovation and developing our people					
	<b>Partnerships and service excellence</b> DELWP will deliver service excellence through building strong relationships with stakeholders and the community, and collaborating successfully with each other, and other departments, and organisations					

# DELWP's service delivery structure

DELWP consists of six groups working together to support our Ministers and portfolio partners:

- Land, Fire and Environment
- Planning
- Water and Catchments
- Local Infrastructure (including Local Government)
- Regional Services
- Corporate Services

DELWP's **regional service delivery** model is based on local decision making to optimise service outcomes and relationships with local stakeholders, agencies and communities

# DELWP profile

- Employs approximately 3,000 staff based at 102 locations across Victoria
- Manages 8.3 million hectares of public land in partnership with portfolio agencies, including Parks Victoria
- Owns and manages \$2.1 billion of other assets, including
  - 40,000km of roads and tracks
  - Office buildings, depots, public toilets, recreational facilities
  - Firefighting and road maintenance equipment
  - Crossings, water bores and mobile plant

# 2014-15 Key outcomes

## **Sustainable and effective local government**

- Developed a rate capping system, now being implemented, to manage council rate rises
- Developed new measures, subsequently introduced the *Local Government Amendment (Improved Governance) Act 2015* to strengthen council governance and reduce councillor misconduct
- Developed the Know Your Council website – a dedicated website providing insight into the performance of councils via 66 different and diverse measures of financial and operational performance – launched in November 2015

# 2014-15 Key outcomes

## Planning, building and heritage

- Commenced the refresh of the metropolitan planning strategy *Plan Melbourne*
- Released the *Better Apartments* discussion paper
- Continued to deliver effective planning and heritage services including:
  - determining 452 planning scheme amendments
  - issuing 984 heritage permits
  - assessing 44 places or objects for the Victorian Heritage Register
  - reporting annually on residential and industrial land supply

# 2014-15 Key outcomes

## Environment and Climate Change

- Completed 670 planned burns (234,614 ha)
- Responded to 1,149 fires on public and private land
- Led the development of a Climate Change Adaptation Memorandum of Understanding between Victoria's state and local governments
- Provided \$7.44 million in funding to Victorian Landcare groups, resulting in protection and enhancement of 1,600 hectares of revegetation
- 100.5 million visitors to the public land estates managed by Parks Victoria
- 600 coastal and recreational activities undertaken by Coastcare Victoria participants

# 2014-15 Key outcomes

## **Water**

- 5,153 hectares of waterway vegetation works undertaken to improve instream health
- 2,499 people engaged to increase the communities knowledge of sustainable water management
- 346 river reaches and wetlands with improved environmental condition.