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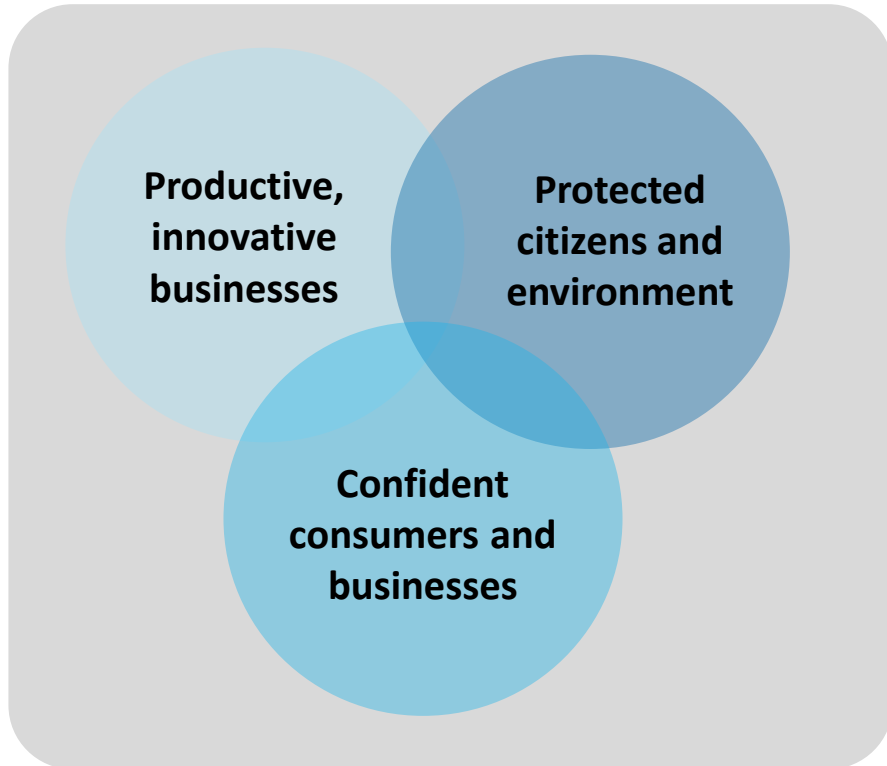
The Hon Danny Pearson MP
Minister for Regulatory Reform

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

2021/22 Budget estimates hearing

A high performing regulatory system

Supporting economic recovery and safeguarding the community from harm



Rules and practices that are proportionate to harm

- Minimal impact on safe and responsible practices
- Close monitoring and tough enforcement where risks are high or misbehaviour has been proven

Regulators that are easier to deal with

Prompt, high quality decision making

Regulatory Reform Agenda

\$74.8 million over four years in the November 2020 budget

- Designed to support the economic recovery
- About engaging with business, local councils and across government to find opportunities to improve.
- Some key programs:
 - Regulatory Reform Incentive Fund
 - Fast Track Review Unit
 - Business Licensing

Saving businesses time and money

22 initiatives underway so far through the \$40 million Regulatory Reform Incentive Fund, including:



Heavy vehicle permit reform



Simplifying Victoria's Food Safety Program



Moving permits and applications online

Responding to business concerns



Roundtables to hear directly from businesses and identify priority issues



Fast track review examining digital public notices that may be cheaper for businesses and more accessible for citizens than 400+ current newspaper or hard copy notification requirements



Improving the efficiency of utility connections for greenfield housing developments

Improving business licensing



System-wide review of business licensing



Digitising business licensing to make it easier for small businesses and sole traders to operate.

Thank you



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