

2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearing Planning portfolio

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Hearing – May 2015



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Challenges

Manage population growth and change:

- Secure a long term strategy to manage growth and change.
- Restore confidence and transparency of decision making in the planning system.
- Protect and enhance the public realm and significant physical and cultural assets.
- Enhance Victoria's capacity to compete globally for investment and jobs.



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Planning's contribution to economic growth & jobs

Land, Development and construction industry in Victoria:

- Strongest residential construction sector in Australia.
- Over 17,000 dwellings approved in quarter to March 2015, compared with 16,000 in New South Wales and 12,000 in Queensland.
- \$4 billion in annual construction value for central city planning permits.
- 750,000 land registration transactions conducted each year.

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Election Commitment – Living Heritage

- Committed to protecting Victoria's heritage.
- Currently more than 2,400 heritage places and objects on the Victorian Heritage Register.
- \$150,000 in 2015-16, to deliver on commitment to audit at risk state significant heritage places and objects.



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Protecting the Yarra River

- Committed to preserving rivers and open spaces for the health of future generations.
- \$1 million in 2015-16 to guard the Yarra River corridor from inappropriate development, including improved planning controls.



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What we are doing to address the challenges

Secure a long term strategy to manage growth and change.

- Refresh *Plan Melbourne* with the reconvening of the Ministerial Advisory Committee.
- Recasting of Fishermans Bend to ensure best practice urban renewal.

Restore confidence and transparency of decision making

- Strengthen collaborative decision making process with the City of Melbourne for planning permit applications of developments over 25,000 square metres.
- Rezoned Moonee Valley Racecourse to address concerns in relation to the existing master plan.
- Independent review into the approval process for the Brunswick Terminal Station upgrade.
- Robust and effective planning approval processes for the Government's major transport projects.

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What we are doing to address the challenges

Protect and enhance the public realm and significant physical and cultural assets.

- Commitment of \$100 million to restore and upgrade Flinders Street Station.

Enhance Victoria's capacity to compete globally for investment and jobs.

- Removed restrictive planning controls on wind farm projects.

Improve housing diversity and affordability

- Undertake an Inclusionary zoning pilot on government owned land.
- Released discussion paper on apartments.

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