



Public Accounts and Estimates Committee 2011-12 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Portfolio Overview

Goal

To address the future growth and change in metropolitan and regional Victoria.

How will we do it?

- Targeted urban development, design and renewal
- Improving housing affordability in established areas
- Facilitating land supply in metropolitan and regional growth areas whilst preserving open space and agricultural needs
- Supporting heritage conservation projects
- Providing a fair, efficient and transparent planning system
- Through partnerships



Key Achievements 2010-11

- Commenced implementation of windfarm policies (VC78)
- Established Peri-Urban Planning and Housing Affordability Units
- Reduced assessment time for planning scheme amendments
- Removed provisions permitting high rise, high density development along all transport corridors (VC75)
- Abolished Development Assessment Committees
- Disbanded Central City Standing Advisory Committee
- Approved Precinct Structure Plans for Greenvale North and Greenvale West
- Rezoned land to create a potential 3,500 lots to address critical shortage of residential land in the Latrobe Valley
- Narrawong DP07 planning issue resolved
- Established logical inclusions process



Emerging Issues/Priorities for 2011-12

Initiative	Description	\$ in 2011-12 Budget
Changing Places Program	Provide grants to councils initiated projects for urban design improvements, capital works and place managers to improve the viability of activities areas in managing future population growth and protecting liveability.	\$2.2m
Bushfire Response - Land Use Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Bushfire Response Planning Unit assists owners affected by the Black Saturday fires to rebuild and to resolve planning related issues in bushfire risk areas.- Changing the Victorian Planning Schemes to implement the recommendations from the Royal Commission.	\$1.4m
Planning for Melbourne and Regional Victoria	Deliver an outcomes based metropolitan strategy to manage growth and change across Melbourne and a program of planning strategies, community engagement and adaptation plans to respond to probable storm surges and sea level rise impacts on Victoria's coastal settlements.	\$5.4m



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Revitalising Victoria's Heritage	Supports Heritage Victoria to respond to Victoria's heritage demands: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- reducing unnecessary burdens for owners and developers dealing with heritage; and- grants to local councils to support the conservation of heritage assets and build capacity.	\$2.6m
Transparent and efficient planning system - Regional Victorian visual significance strategic assessment and the identification of suitable sites and 'no go' zones for wind farms	Commences a strategic assessment of visual significance for regional Victoria to allow the definition of suitable sites and 'no go' zones for wind farms.	\$0.5m
Frankston Central Activities Area Revitalisation – Stage 1	Stage 1 of the plan to revitalise the Frankston Central Activities Area: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- planning for an upgraded railway station and new bus interchange area;- new housing options;- improved pedestrian access and increased security; and- new spaces to attract major employers into Frankston.	\$1.4m



Opportunities 2011-12

- Progressing the Planning Reform Agenda
- Addressing land supply
- Turning liveability into practice
- Improving the resilience of communities and settlements to respond to natural events
- Establishing the Urban Renewal Authority
- Progressing the Metropolitan Strategy
- Delivering improved regional planning outcomes
- Supporting Councils to define “green areas”, “red areas” and Activity Centre Boundaries
- Encouraging private sector investment, housing, employment and urban development opportunities in metropolitan Activities Areas and Regional Centres



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