

Department of
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Planning

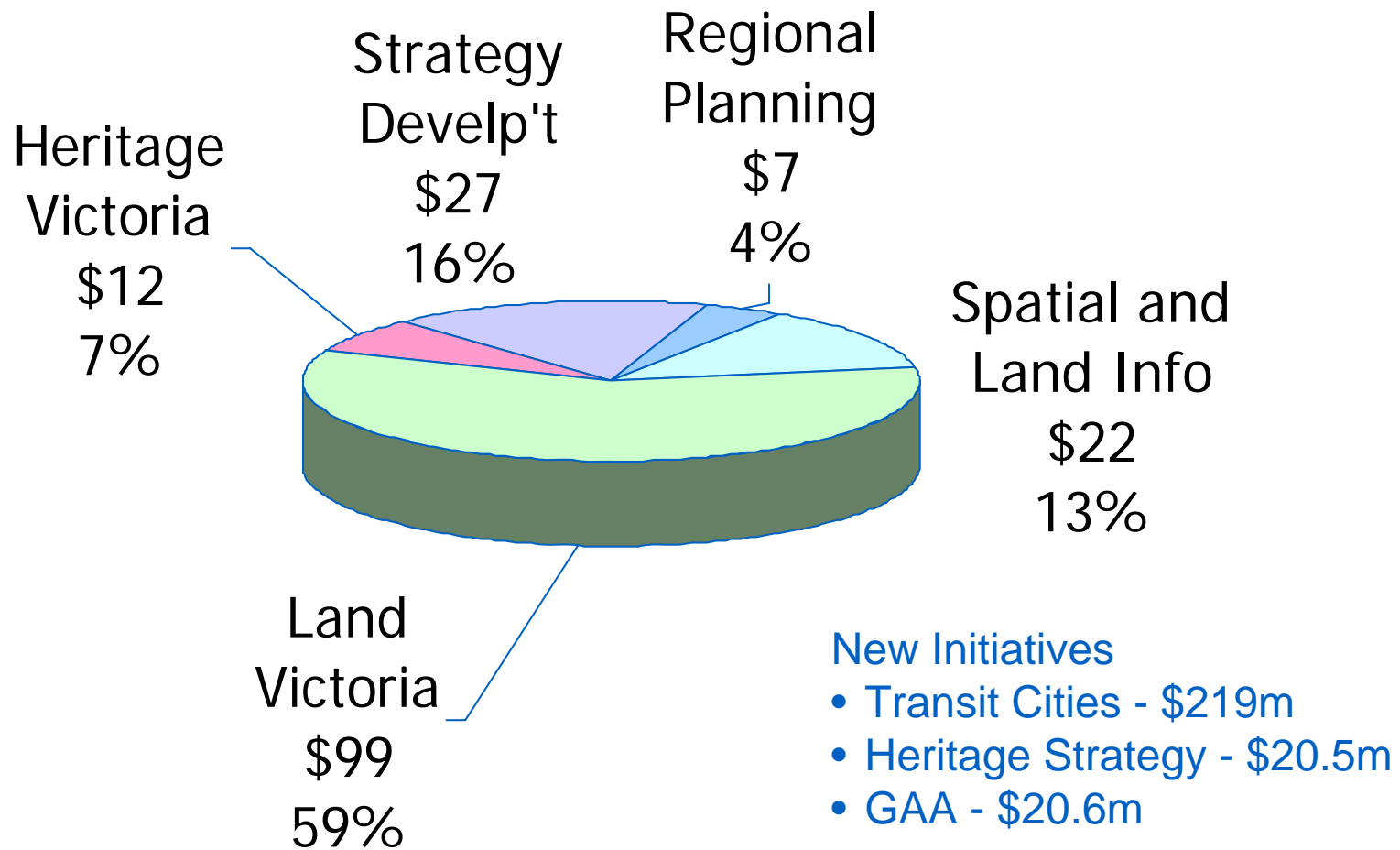
Minister for Planning, Rob Hulls



Priorities

- Continually improving the Planning System
- Swift and clear decision making
- Protecting biodiversity and promoting sensible coastal development
- Promoting the sustainable economic growth of Victoria and Implementing the principles of Melbourne 2030
- Achieving social justice outcomes through the Planning Portfolio

Planning Portfolio Budget 2006-07



Achievements 2005/06 – Building Sector

- 99,300 Building Permits Approved Valued at \$15.3 Billion
- VCEC endorsement of Building and Plumbing Regulatory Framework
- Full implementation of 5 Star Standard
- Owner-builder reforms to protect consumers
- Retrospective Fire Safety Requirements for accommodation buildings

Achievements 2005/06 -



- Urban Growth Boundary
 - Revised in November 2005
- Growth Area Planning
 - Growth Areas Authority \$20.6 Million funding over five years
- Transit Cities
 - Government's flagship for urban renewal
- *Meeting our Transport Challenges*
 - Supports Melbourne 2030 objectives with \$10.5 billion program
- Activity Centres
 - Structure planning has continued
- Regional Housing Working Groups
 - Adoption of Regional Housing Statements

Achievements 2005/06 - Melbourne 2030 Implementation

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Achievements 2005/06 - Melbourne 2030 Implementation

- Creating Better Places
 - Urban Improvement
 - Heritage Conservation
- Victoria's Heritage: Strengthening Our Communities
 - Understanding and managing Heritage
 - Grants
 - Heritage Information and Networks
 - Capacity Building
 - Community Collections
 - Heritage Cares
 - Heritage Leadership and Advice

Improving Planning System – Swift and Clear Decision Making

- Streamlining the Planning Process – Cutting Red Tape Review
 - Reduce the number of permit requirements
 - Introduce simpler planning processes
- Rural Zones Implementation
 - Farming and Rural Conservation Zones
 - Reducing costs for Local Councils
- Sustainable Neighbourhood coordinator

Improving Planning System

- Review of the Environment Effects Act
 - Improving the Environmental Impact Assessment System
- Priority Development Panel (PDP)
 - Expert advice
 - Facilitating strategic planning outcomes
- Coastal Spaces Strategy
 - Improve Coastal Planning Policy
 - Guide and manage growth of settlements
 - Protect our important green coastal spaces

Achieving Social Justice - Accessible and Affordable Housing

- State-wide Approach to Addressing Disability Access
 - Accessible Housing Guidelines
 - Affordable Housing – amending the planning scheme
- Underpinning *A Fairer Victoria*
 - Melbourne 2030 strategies
 - The Plan for Melbourne's Growth Areas Measures
 - The new Victorian Housing Policy

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