

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee
2012-13 Budget Estimates Hearings

Minister for Planning

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The Planning Portfolio...

- enhances the prosperity of Victoria by ensuring effective planning and land release to meet our community needs;
- ensures continuous improvements to the planning and building systems for efficient, safe and effective outcomes; and
- supports investment through partnerships with local government and other sectors.



Planning Contribution

Victoria's planning system underpins our urban development sector which contributes significant economic value and social opportunities:

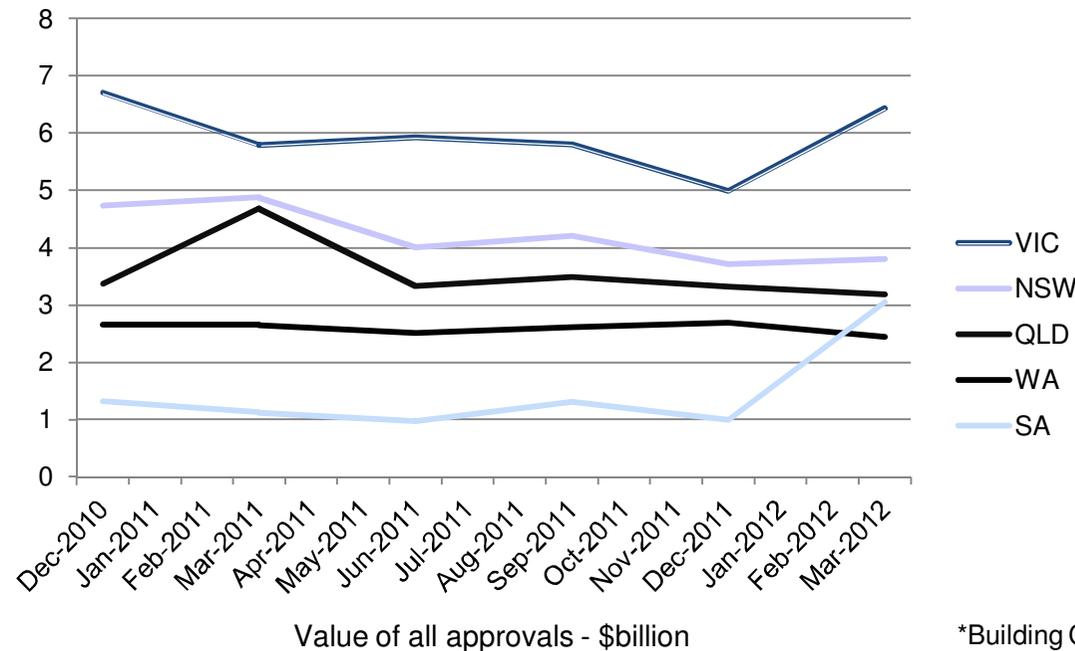
- in metropolitan growth areas, the total Precinct Structure Planning (PSP) program will deliver more than 360,000 dwellings*
- at the end of March 2012, PSPs for 120,000 dwellings had been completed and planning for 150,000 dwellings commenced for approval by June 2016**
- major land release in regional areas has been accelerated
- planning permit decisions valued at \$13.5 billion from July 2011 to February 2012 have been issued
- delivery of major infrastructure project impact assessment and approvals requirements



Building Contribution

Victoria's building system delivers the regulatory framework for the domestic and commercial building sectors:

- In the 2011/ 12 financial year to Feb building permit activity was \$15.4 billion*
- Residential approvals in Victoria to March account for 31% of national activity**





Key achievements 2011-12

Productivity and employment growth

- Provided \$1 million to VCAT to reduce the planning list backlog
- Established \$2.8 million Flying Squad to provide planning support to regional councils
- Approved key components of the Regional Rail Link project
- Simplified rules for small dwellings through the Small Lots Housing Code
- Approved developments within the Central City area to a total value of \$3.6 billion





Key achievements 2011-12

Protecting heritage and communities

- Issued heritage permits and exemptions for works totalling almost \$620 million
- Introduced new bushfire planning provisions – 96% satisfaction rating with related training program
- Ensured protection of the Bacchus Marsh Avenue of Honour
- Launched \$6.9 million Community Works Program
- Provided \$1.13 million in grants to preserve and protect our heritage
- Launched ground-breaking heritage tourism iPhone App
- Completed bushfire hazard mapping and declared bushfire prone areas





Key achievements 2011-12

Ensuring land and housing supply

- **Established Urban Renewal Authority - Places Victoria**
- **Launched broad consultation for Metropolitan Planning Strategy**
- **Approved Precinct Structure Plans for Cranbourne North, Truganina, Truganina South, Officer and Clyde North**
- **Amended the Warrnambool Planning Scheme for 2,200 new homes**
- **Supported Latrobe City Council in providing opportunity for an additional 1028.7 hectares of land or 12,345 lots**
- **Supported release of draft G21 Region Regional Growth Plan**
- **Facilitated Ballarat West Urban Corridor**
- **Identified Fishermans Bend for medium term renewal as a vibrant mixed use precinct to support the expansion of Melbourne's CBD**
- **Approved planning scheme amendments enabling greater housing choice and opportunity for mixed use development**



Key achievements 2011-12

Clearer simpler rules – more certain outcomes



- **Delivered Amendment VC82 to further implement wind farm policy**
- **Established Ministerial Advisory Committee to overhaul planning system**
- **Commenced developer contributions review**
- **Delivered greater flexibility for bulky goods retailers to stimulate employment and attract investment**



Priorities for 2012-13

Productivity and employment growth

- Delivering red tape reduction and statutory reform in Planning, Building and Heritage
- Implementing Code Assess options for planning approvals
- Delivering improved residential, rural and commercial zones
- Introduction of a new Regional Capital City Zone to create flexibility and boost the role of large regional centres in growing the state and its economy

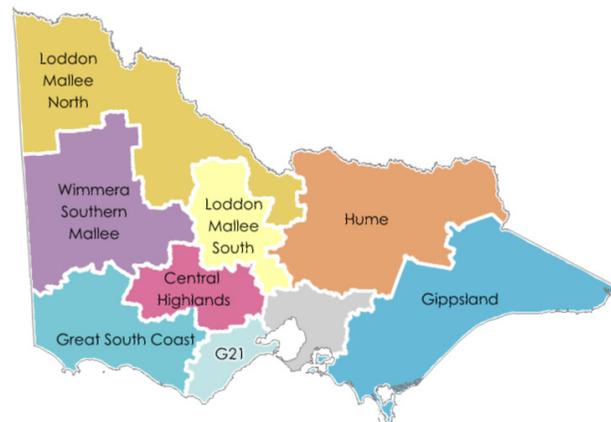




Priorities for 2012-13

Protecting heritage and communities

- Improving community resilience by addressing risks and hazards in strategic and statutory planning and building activities
- Improving the building system including legislative and regulatory reform
- Maximising effectiveness of the Flying Squad across regional and rural councils





Priorities for 2012-13

Ensuring land and housing supply

- Development of strategic planning for Melbourne and regional Victoria through the metropolitan strategy and regional growth plans
- Facilitating renewal in metropolitan areas to provide greater housing choices and make better use of infrastructure and services
- Articulating a bold vision for an expanded CBD to ease the pressure on neighbourhoods

