



Media release

The Hon Matthew Guy MLC

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Reforming Victoria's planning framework

Minister for Planning Matthew Guy has announced a full review of the State Planning Policy Framework (SPPF) in order to deliver on the state's new Metropolitan Planning Strategy and its Regional Growth Plans.

"Reforming Victoria's SPPF is an important step in the Victorian Coalition Government's ongoing review and improvement of Victoria's planning system," Mr Guy said.

"This review will ensure that key strategic directions identified in the new Metropolitan Planning Strategy and Regional Growth Plans are clearly articulated in the framework and can be implemented into planning schemes across Victoria.

"The Coalition Government intends for our planning frameworks to support recent major reforms to the state's commercial, industrial, residential and soon rural zones; assisting councils to deliver certainty in achieving their strategic objectives.

"The review of the SPPF will further enable the implementation of a new development contributions framework to fund vital infrastructure across our communities," Mr Guy said.

An Advisory Committee has been appointed to conduct the review of the SPPF chaired by Mr Geoff Underwood and with senior committee members Lester Townsend and Cazz Redding and Nicola Smith from the Planning Institute of Australia.

The Advisory Committee will review the role, structure and format of a revised SPPF that will integrate and align state planning policy, the Metropolitan Planning Strategy and Regional Growth Plans.

"During this review, the Advisory Committee will consult a wide range of stakeholders to ensure the draft framework thoroughly reflects the needs of Victoria," Mr Guy said.

The Advisory Committee will deliver the first report in October for the consideration of the Minister for Planning.

The SPPF is a key part of the Victorian planning system and this review will assist in delivering Coalition Government initiatives. It also implements a key recommendation of the 2011 Victorian Planning System Ministerial Advisory Committee that identified the need to review and improve the SPPF.

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