

# SMALL BUSINESS REGULATION REVIEW (CONSTRUCTION SECTOR)

## IMPROVING REGULATOR INTERACTION WITH SMALL BUSINESS

### What are we doing?

As part of the Small Business Regulation Review program (SBRR), the Victorian Government is seeking feedback from small businesses operating in the construction sector to make interactions with Victorian Government regulators simpler; to save time and effort for small business owners.

### What do we want to know?

If you are a small business in this sector, we want to hear how you think we could improve the experience of being regulated. We also want to hear from advisors to small business owners, including industry associations, lawyers, consultants, bookkeepers and accountants.

### Previous SBRR reviews

The SBRR has already taken an in-depth look at how regulation affects small businesses in the Retail Sector and Visitor Economy, and is now examining small business interactions with regulators in the construction sector.

The issues identified in the previous reviews were often related to regular, day-to-day interactions between regulators and small business, such as:

<b>Information</b>	The information provided by regulators is difficult to understand and doesn't answer the questions small business owners are asking.
<b>Interface/channels</b>	Options for providing data and interacting with regulators are clunky or unsuitable for small businesses.
<b>Duplicative processes</b>	Repetitive form-filling and reporting requirements within regulators and between different agencies.
<b>Join-up</b>	Each regulator operates in isolation, without recognising how multiple obligations overlap between regulators.

The intention of this review is to take these issues as a starting point to examine small business interactions with Victorian Government regulators within the construction sector.

### What areas of regulation are we looking at?

The review will focus on the construction sector to identify and address regulatory burden arising from regulation from the perspective of small businesses operating in the sector.

To do this, the review team is working with four partner regulators to identify opportunities to develop targeted, practical and implementable solutions that will make it easier for small businesses to manage their obligations. The four state government regulators partnering with the review are:

- Energy Safe Victoria
- Environment Protection Authority Victoria
- Victorian Building Authority
- WorkSafe Victoria

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The partner regulators have volunteered to participate in the review, and will offer insight into their organisations as a way to examine the cause of regulatory interaction issues.

### Consultation

The review will include consultation with small businesses, regulators and other key stakeholders, leading to co-design of reforms and the release of an action statement.

### How can you get involved?

You can participate in any of the following ways:

- Complete a short survey before 9 July 2018 for the chance to win an iPad® and tough case (see website below for more details)
- Attend one of our free small business forums - RSVP essential:
  - Melbourne: 4.30-6.30pm on Tuesday 19 June 2018 at Pullman Melbourne on the Park
  - Geelong: 4.30-6.30pm on Thursday 21 June 2018 at Geelong City Hall
- Email us at [smallbiz.review@ecodev.vic.gov.au](mailto:smallbiz.review@ecodev.vic.gov.au)

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