The Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions – About our Groups

Simon Pheemister – Secretary

Here at the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions, we’re firmly focused on growing our state’s economy and ensuring it benefits all Victorians – by creating more jobs for more people, building thriving places and regions, and supporting inclusive communities.

Our values underpin everything we do.

Accountability
Integrity
Respect

The Precincts and Suburbs group – leading the development of vibrant and prosperous places for Victorians to work, live and play.

Our group leads the development of vibrant, distinctive and innovative geographic areas – be they precincts or suburbs – for Victorians to work, live and play. With Melbourne’s urban landscape changing, state-shaping infrastructure projects underway and previously industrial parts of the city being renewed, our group plays a critical role accommodating Melbourne’s future growth in population and employment. We do this by partnering across government and with community, industry and research organisations to unlock the potential of priority precincts and suburbs across the city.

The Rural and Regional Victoria group – working with local communities and industry to build a stronger economy and better future for rural and regional Victorians.

Our group ensures rural and regional communities and economies are vibrant, thriving and inclusive. We do this by working with communities and businesses to develop policies and programs that target job creation, infrastructure, regional planning, resources development and investment attraction. We aim to build on rural and regional Victoria’s existing strengths as its communities and economies continually change. We work with our partners and across government to improve the social and economic wellbeing of rural and regional Victorians for the benefit of the entire state.

The Inclusion group – supporting more inclusive access to the benefits of a strong economy.

Our group champions the fair distribution of benefits and job opportunities that stem from a strong economy. We do this by using our resources and skills to understand how the economy impacts different socio-economic groups, communities, regions and businesses to maximise the impact of government investment. We also leverage the experiences of excluded people and communities to inform our focus on better inclusion for all.

The Jobs, Innovation and Business Engagement Group – helping Victorian businesses grow, creating more job opportunities, developing key industries and being innovation leaders.

Our group works to build trust-based relationships with Victorian businesses, from global enterprises to small businesses and start-ups, to achieve job outcomes that strengthen our economy. We do this by facilitating and enabling new investments, developing and attracting world class talent, supporting key industry capabilities, building on the state’s reputation for innovation and advocating for a competitive and fair business environment that creates more jobs.

The Agriculture Victoria group – securing a strong future for Victoria’s agriculture industries.

Our group supports a productive, globally competitive and sustainable Victorian economy for our innovative and resilient agriculture, food and fibre sector. We do this by working with the community and industry to enhance productivity, connect the sector with international markets, create jobs, support growth, and maintain effective biosecurity.

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