

DEECA Delivering for Victoria 2026–27



First Peoples Self-Determination

DEECA is committed to self-determination reflected in the Pupangarli Marnmarnepu Owing our future Aboriginal Self-Determination Strategy.

Our vision

Thriving, productive and sustainable communities, environments and industries.

2026-27 Priorities

Investment, productivity and regional prosperity

Energy transition and system security

Resilient communities and climate action

Thriving regions and natural environments

Embedding the refreshed Pupangarli Marnmarnepu

Our outcomes:



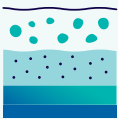
Agriculture and Forestry

Productive and sustainably used agricultural resources



Climate Action

Net-zero emissions, climate-ready economy and community



Earth Resources

Sustainable development of Victoria's earth resources



Emergency Management

Reduced impact of major bushfires and other emergencies



Energy

Reliable, sustainable and affordable energy services



Environment and Circular Economy

Healthy, resilient and biodiverse environment



Land Management

Productive and effective land management



Water

Safe, sustainable and productive water resources

To succeed, we must:

Advance the strength and prosperity of the agriculture sector by enabling primary producers to grow sustainable agribusinesses

Increase innovation to meet future production, climate, biosecurity, market access and workforce challenges within agriculture

Expand and develop the economic potential of the agriculture sector while managing biosecurity, animal welfare and other risks, and minimising adverse impacts to the environment and public health

Support a productive, sustainable and resilient forestry and fibre industry by leading investment to expand Victoria's plantation estate and supporting forestry businesses, workers and communities through the transition from commercial native timber harvesting

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions consistent with Victoria's legislated emissions reductions targets

Strengthen community and government resilience to climate change hazards

Increase investment in Victoria's earth resources, including new critical minerals

Build confidence in the performance of the earth resources sector in Victoria and its regulation

Secure the supply of quarry materials essential for new infrastructure and construction

Reduce the risk of bushfires impacting communities, infrastructure and the environment

Be prepared for bushfires and other emergencies

Increase community understanding of potential risks and impacts of bushfires and other emergencies

Strengthen the ability of communities, the environment, local economies and ecosystems to recover from bushfires and other emergencies

Increase energy affordability, consumer protections and access to energy services

Improve the reliability, security and stability of the energy system

Reduce emissions from Victoria's energy system

Increase jobs and economic development within the renewable energy sector

Enable Aboriginal self-determination in the energy transition

Increase access to affordable renewable energy and energy efficient systems and products for Victorian households and businesses

Reduce the harmful effects of pollution and waste on human health and the environment by increasing circularity of resources

Improve Victoria's native species populations and their habitat through targeted management

Increase Victorians valuing nature

Regulate public land use, biodiversity and fire prevention to support equitable and safe access to public land and natural resources, while protecting biodiversity and heritage values

Restoring our native forests following the end of native timber harvesting, including regeneration works and seed collection programs

Protect biodiversity values and enable economic priorities through planning and environmental assessment advice

Increase the sustainable management of public land

Increase self-determination of Traditional Owners in land management decision-making and practices

Increase public value benefits from government land

Protect and enhance Victoria's coastal areas

Meet legal obligations to Traditional Owners (Treaty, Native Title, and Settlement Agreements)

Implement agreed responses to Yoorrook Justice Commission final recommendations and Closing the Gap reforms and targets

Strengthen engagement and outcomes under the Statewide Caring for Country Partnership Forum

Increase security and resilience of Victoria's water systems

Increase implementation of Traditional Owner determined priorities for water management

Improve the environmental condition of Victoria's waterways and catchments

Increase inclusion of social and community values in water management

Increase efficiency of water use

Improve water sector governance, systems integration and water emergency management

Success in 2026–27 looks like:

2,000,000 trees planted under the Gippsland Plantation Investment Program to ensure a long-term and sustainable plantation timber industry

90% of preparedness activities implemented, in line with agreed plans, to ensure response readiness for emergency animal and plant pest, disease and natural disaster incidents

50% ratio of external funds co-invested in agriculture research and development projects

Delivery of Adaptation Action Plans 2027-2031 and Annual Greenhouse Gas report within statutory timeframes as required under the *Climate Action Act 2017*

Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions consistent with Victoria's legislated emissions reduction targets (continuing to progress to a 2030 target of 45-50% reduction)

277 Earth resources regulatory audits completed in line with the agreed compliance work program in 2026–27

95% of mineral license applications and work plans processed within regulatory timeframes in 2026–27

10 Geoscience reports and publications released in 2026–27 to promote earth resource opportunities across the State

100% delivery of agreed milestones for major resources initiatives and priority projects in 2026-27

Statewide bushfire risk is maintained at or below 70%

80% of bushfires contained at less than 5 hectares/first attack to suppress fires before they become established, minimising impact

All readiness and response plans completed by October 2026, prior to the upcoming fire season

14 Stakeholder and community forums on bushfire management and planned burning held

55,854 Solar Homes Program rebates provided to Victorian households

4.4 million Victorian Energy Efficiency Certificates surrendered under the Victorian Energy Upgrades program

2.5% of Solar Homes program installations audited for compliance with safety requirements

41 neighbourhood batteries installed, including batteries specifically for Traditional Owners and First Peoples communities

3000 vulnerable Victorian energy consumers supported to navigate the energy market by the Energy Assistance Program

67,000 Victorian household appliances converted from gas to electricity through government electrification programs

400,000 environmental volunteer hours contributing to the health of Victoria's biodiversity

70% of weed and pest animal control targeted towards priority locations

70% of planning referrals relating to native vegetation processed within statutory timeframes

Increase in municipal and industrial waste diverted from landfill (continuing progress towards 2030 target of 80%)

34 local parks, playgrounds and dog parks completed

75% of recreational facilities in state forests maintained to have a life expectancy greater than five years

70% Traditional Owner satisfaction with DEECAs progress in enabling self determination

10% DEECA Natural Resource Management procurement spend with Traditional Owner Groups with Natural Resource Agreements

1,200 Households or community housing assisted in the Community Rebate and Housing Retrofit Program

8,000 hectares of waterway vegetation works undertaken to improve the health and resilience of waterways

6 new flood studies funded to ensure communities understand flood risk and to inform investment in flood warning and mitigation measures

Corporate enabling priorities:

Drive informed, evidence-based decision making

Prioritise process improvement

Deliver strategic leadership

Leverage technology and digital solutions

Support a strong, inclusive and high performing workforce