

One-DEECA: This is our business 2025–26

Our vision

Thriving, productive and sustainable communities, environments and industries.



First Peoples Self Determination

Portfolio priorities are informed by DEECA's commitment to our eight Outcomes and Pupangarli Marnmarnepu 'Owning our Future' Aboriginal Self-Determination Strategy 2020–26.

Supporting 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

Our outcomes:



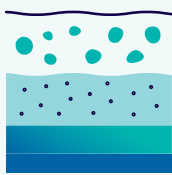
Agriculture and Forestry

Productive and sustainably used natural 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 prominence and growth of the agriculture sector by supporting primary producers with sustainable agribusiness initiatives

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

Manage the transition away from native timber harvesting, supporting timber communities and timber industry businesses and workers

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Strengthen community and government resilience to climate change hazards

Increase investment in Victoria's earth resources, including new critical minerals required to support decarbonisation and develop value-adding industries

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

Increase the level of preparedness for bushfires and other emergencies

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

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

Increase energy affordability, consumer control 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

Enabling Aboriginal self-determination in the energy transition sector

Increase access to affordable renewable energy for Victorians and reduce emissions

Reduce the harmful effects of pollution and waste on human health and the environment

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

Increase Victorians valuing nature

Reduce waste and increase circularity of resources in the Victorian economy

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

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

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 2025–26 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

8.5 million kWh saved by Victorian schools participating in the ResourceSmart Schools program managed by Sustainability Victoria

100% of statutory outputs under the *Climate Action Act 2017* delivered on time

On track for 28-33% reduction in Victoria's emissions by 2025

At least 80 million tonnes of new quarry resources approved for extraction in 2025–26

95% of mineral license applications and work plans processed within regulatory timeframes in 2025–26

10 Geoscience data packages released in 2025–26 to promote earth resource opportunities across the State

Statewide bushfire risk is maintained at or below 70%

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

12 stakeholder and community forums on bushfire management and planned burning held

All readiness and response plans completed by October 2025, prior to the upcoming fire season

74,700 Solar Homes Program rebates and loans provided to Victorian households

7.3m Victorian Energy Efficiency Certificates surrendered under the Victorian Energy Upgrades program

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

3,000 vulnerable Victorian energy consumers supported to navigate the energy market by the Energy Assistance Program

70% of users of the Victorian Energy Compare website who report they are likely to recommend the website to others

72% of municipal and industrial waste diverted from landfill by 2025

One billion drink containers collected during the year

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

70% of weed and pest animal control targeted towards priority locations to improve native species populations and habitats

22 local parks, playgrounds and dog parks completed

70% Traditional Owner satisfaction with DEECA's progress in enabling self-determination

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

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

900 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