

# 2019-20 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Budget Estimates Hearing

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Minister for Police and Emergency  
Services

# Community Safety Statements

## Police investment strategy aligned with the Community Safety Statement policy framework

The Community Safety Statement is a comprehensive framework outlining police activity and government policy and investment directed at detecting, disrupting and preventing crime

**First** Community Safety Statement released in December 2016

A clear, coordinated strategy to invest in 3,135 new police officers and capability required to drive down crime and the harm it causes in the community.

**Second** Community Safety Statement released in April 2018

Focused on specialist police capability and equipment to tackle serious and organised crime, as well as outlining shared community safety priorities between Victorian Government and Victoria Police

**Next** Community Safety Statement to be released shortly

Focus on road safety, rolling out the investment in policing capability and reporting on the outcomes framework



## Sustained investment in police and community safety

### Five years of record investment in police and community safety

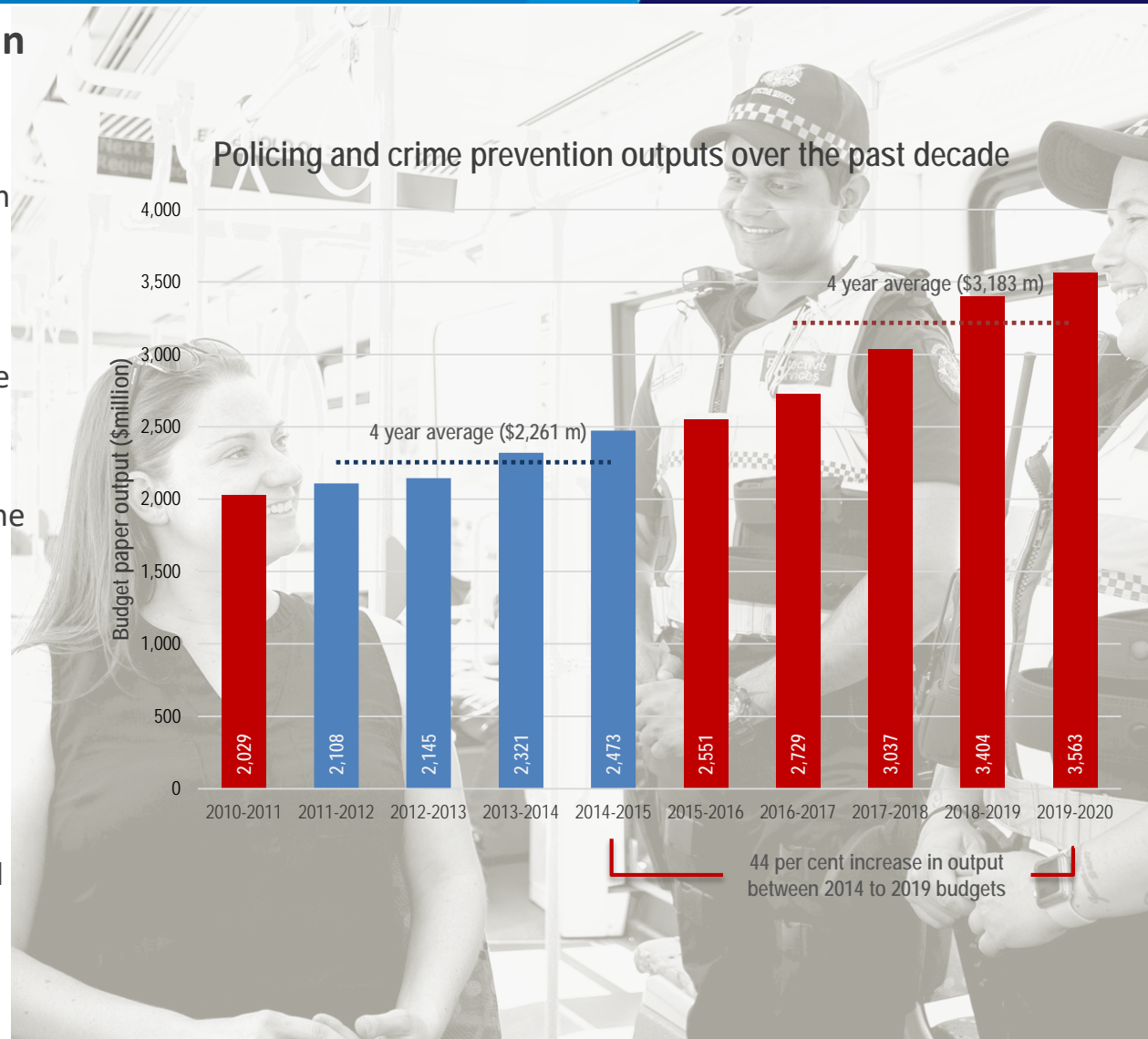
**2015/16 \$226 million** to get police back on the beat

**2016/17 \$596 million** for technology, equipment and capability uplifts across the force

**2017/18 \$2 billion** to resource the front line and end the boom and bust of the past

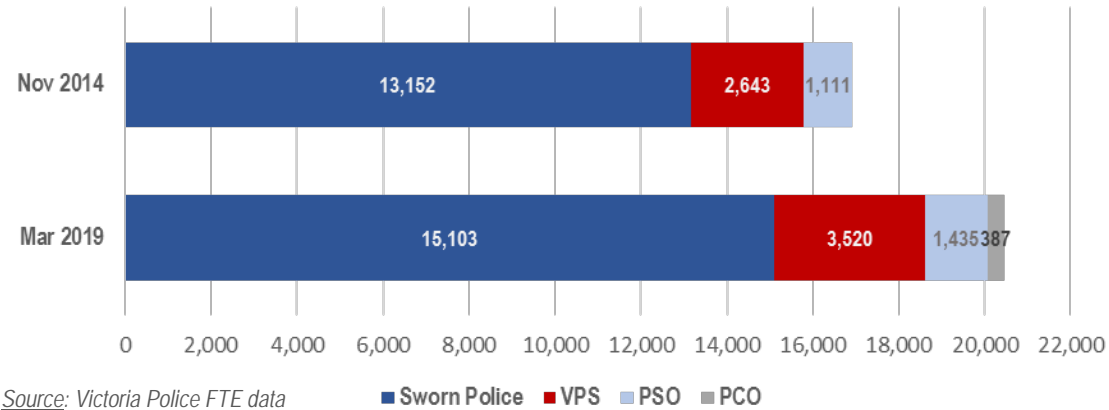
**2018/19 \$289 million** for specialist capability to target high harm crime and organised criminal networks

**2019/20 \$226.4 million** to focus on road safety, high harm crime, infrastructure and police mental health and wellbeing

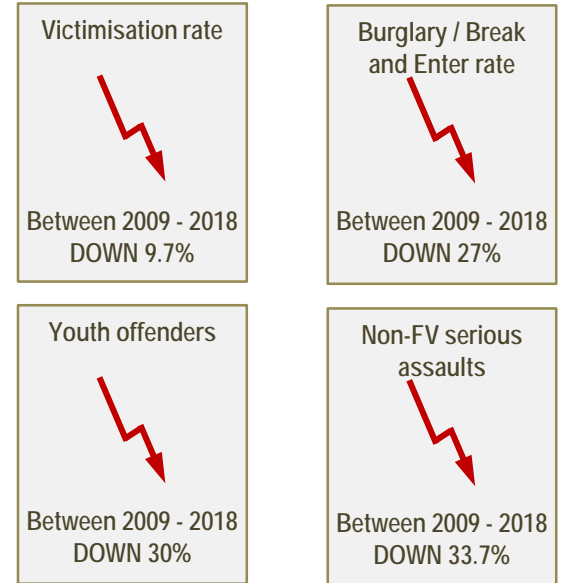


## Outcomes from investing in police and community safety

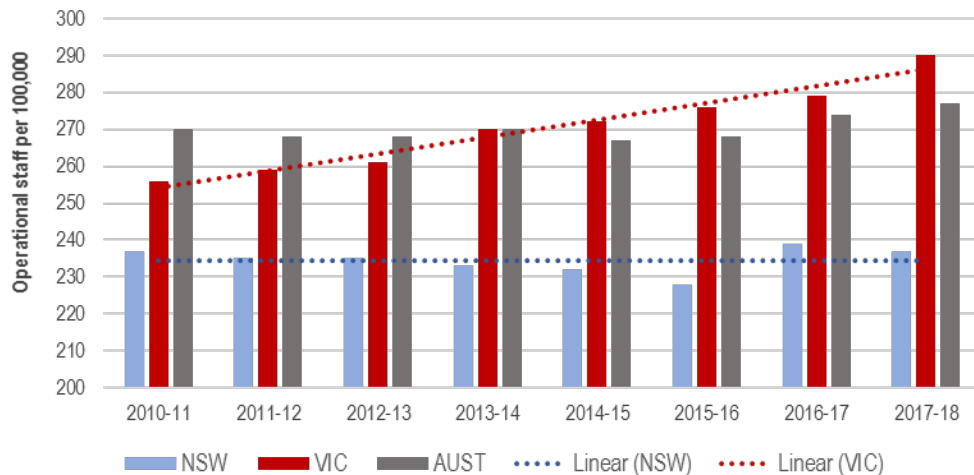
Victoria Police FTE Nov 14 to Mar 2019



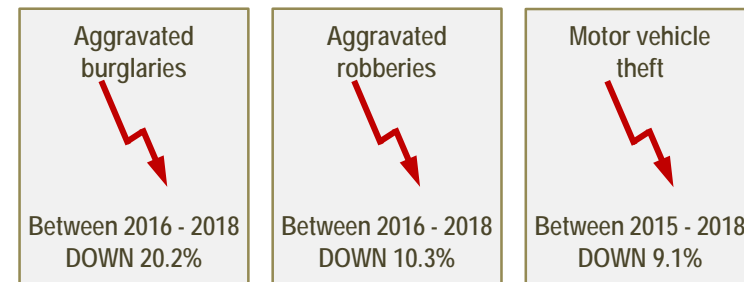
### Lowest rates in 10 years



Operational police staffing 2010-11 to 2017-18



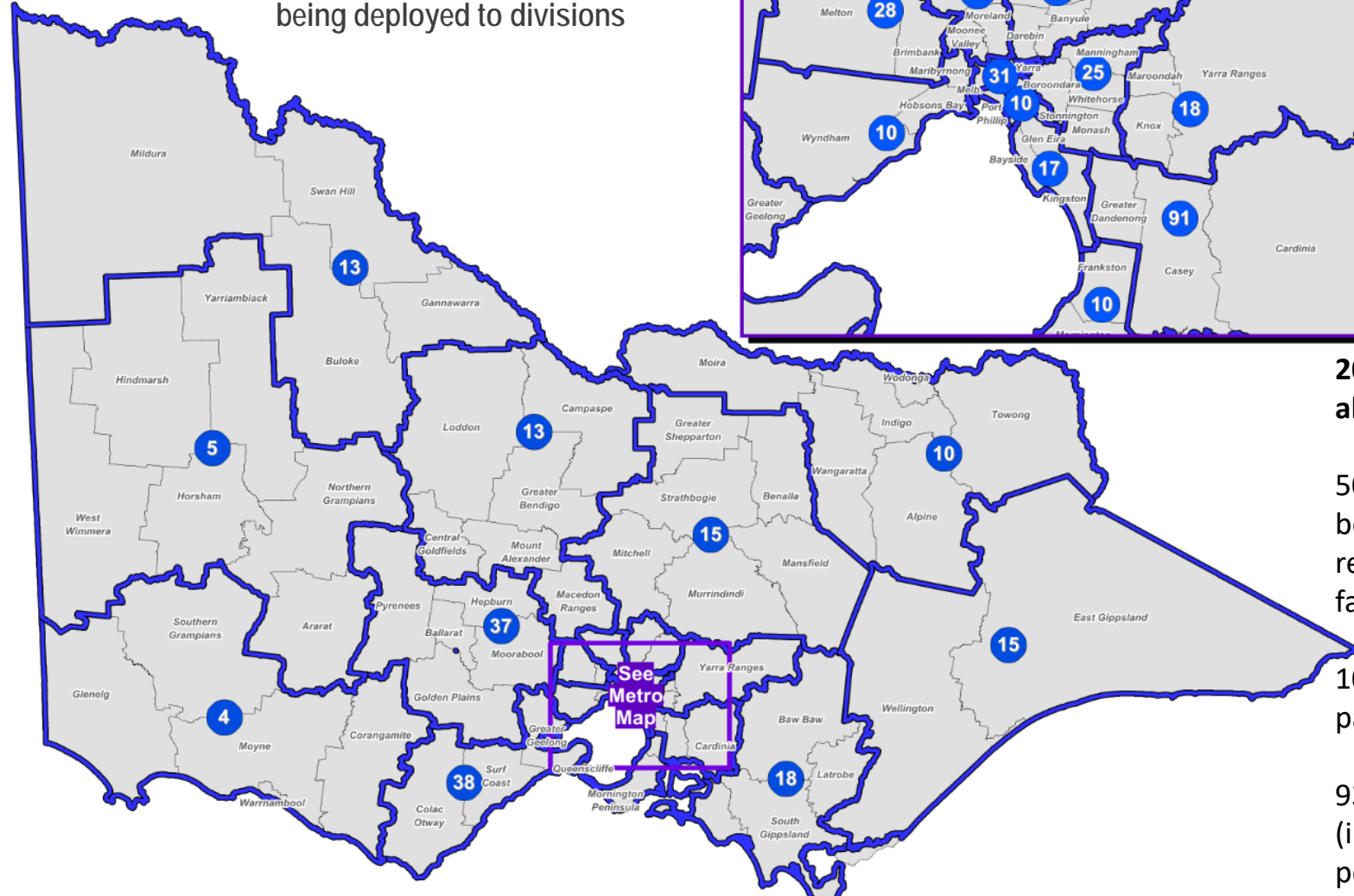
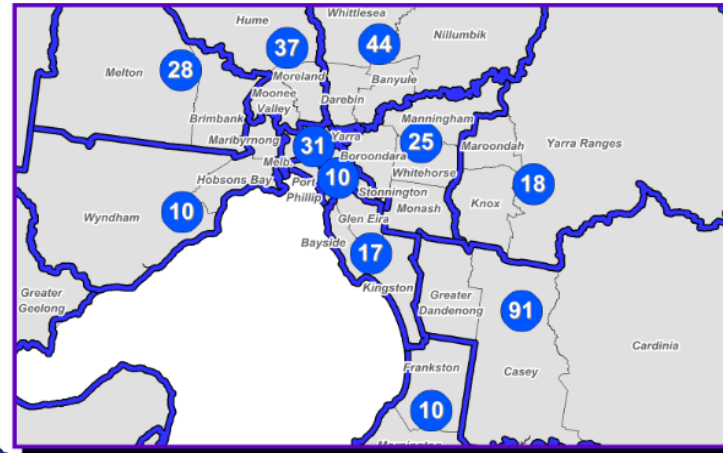
### Impact on high harm crime



Source: Crime Statistics Agency quarterly data release Dec 2018

## A Growing Police Force - new police officer allocations over the next 12 months

New police officers (more FV specialists) being deployed to divisions



**2019/20 police allocation**

507 new police officers being deployed for regional policing and family violence

105 FTE to backfill parental leave absences

93 specialist FTE (including an uplift in police prosecutors)



# Reform spotlights

**Family Violence**  
New specialists  
New training  
New technology



**CT capability**  
New laws  
New equipment  
New CBD security arrangements



**Mental health**  
Reforms to mental health claims  
Early intervention  
More capable health service response

## 2019-20 Budget Initiatives

### **2019/20 Budget investment of \$226.4 million focused on road safety, high harm crime, infrastructure and police mental health and wellbeing**

#### **Road Safety**

\$120.7 million for a new road safety camera infrastructure package

#### **High harm crime**

\$2.8 million (and \$16.2 million for DHHS) for the Fixated Threat Assessment Centre

\$2.5 million for the CT protective security and infrastructure

\$1.4 million for the Embedded Youth Outreach Program

\$4.7 million for the forensic drug intelligence capability program

#### **Police Station infrastructure**

\$8.6 million for AVL in 26 police stations

\$68 million in contingency for new police stations in Clyde North and Narre Warren

#### **Mental health and wellbeing**

\$14.5 million for better mental health for emergency workers

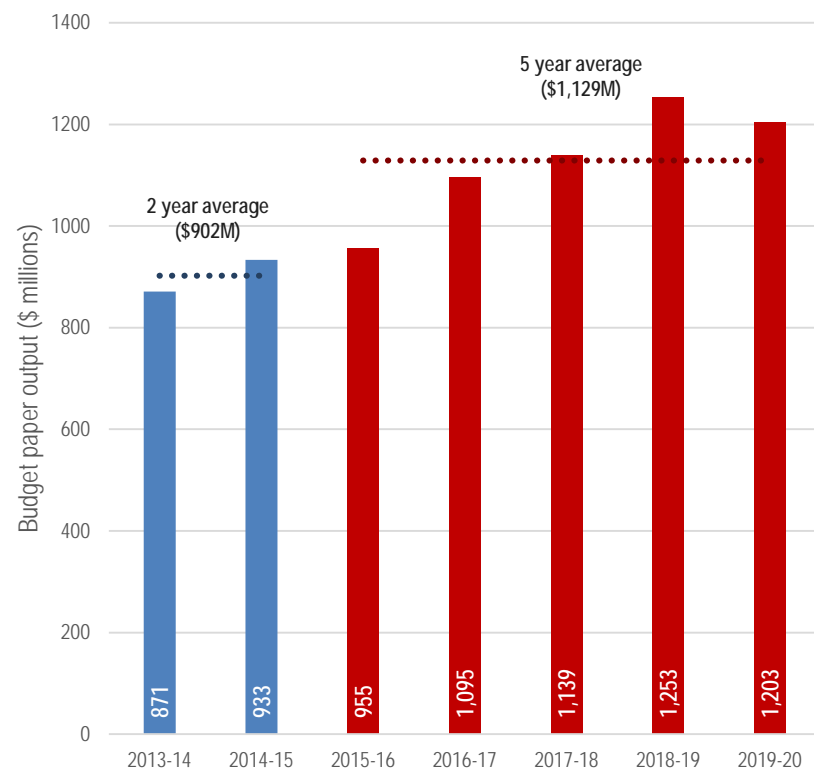
\$1.6 million for the Victoria Police restorative engagement and redress scheme



## Emergency service portfolio



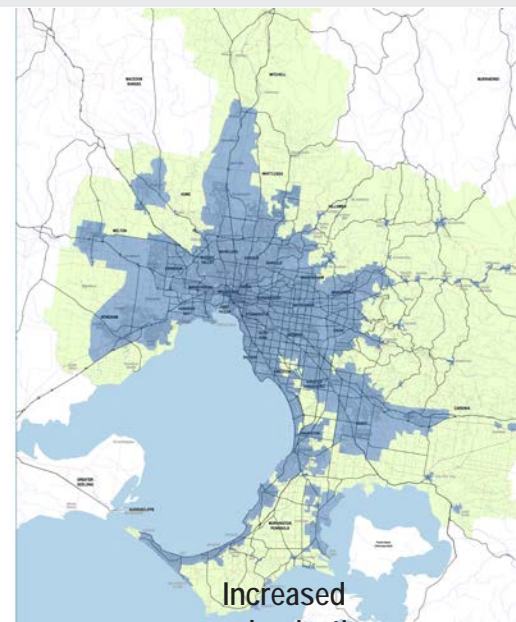
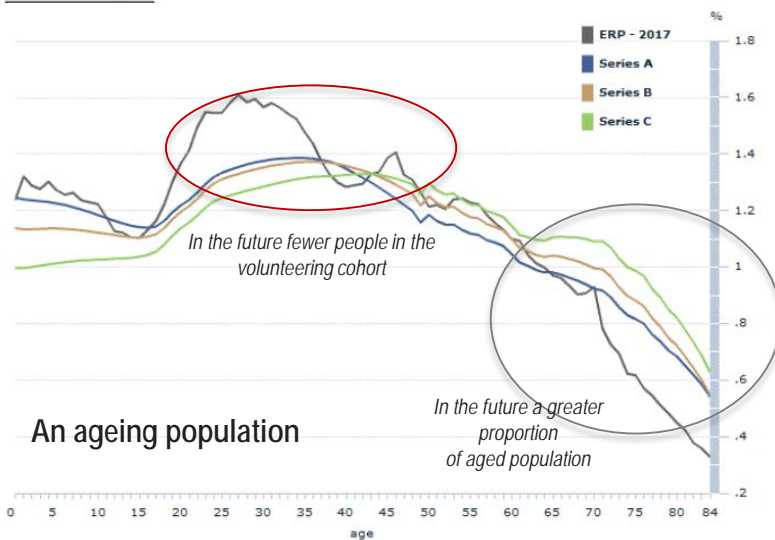
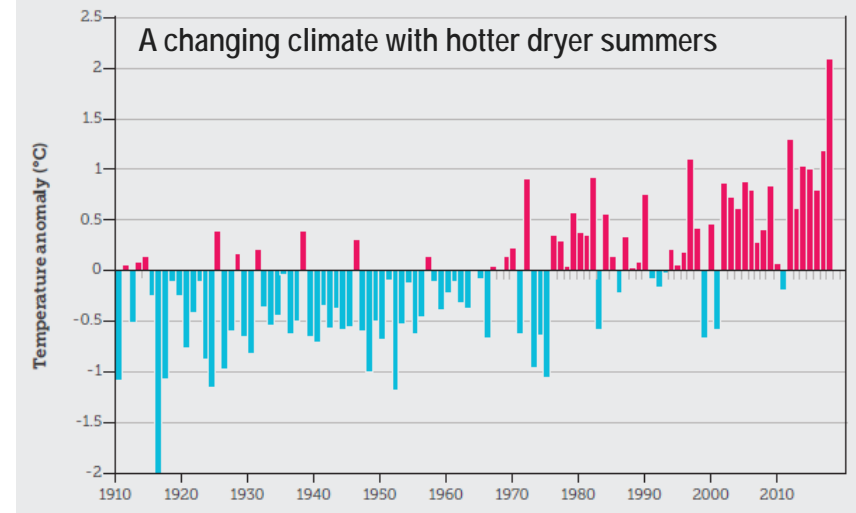
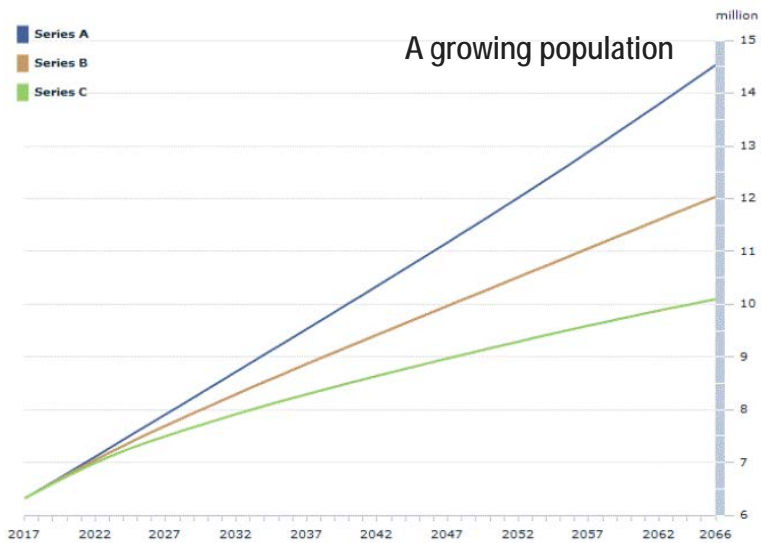
### Emergency Management Capability Outputs



29 per cent increase in output between 2014 to 2019 budgets



## Challenges in emergency management



## Impacts on our emergency service capability



1 July 2018 - 30 April 2019

# Our response to these challenges

**Investing in emergency service capability**

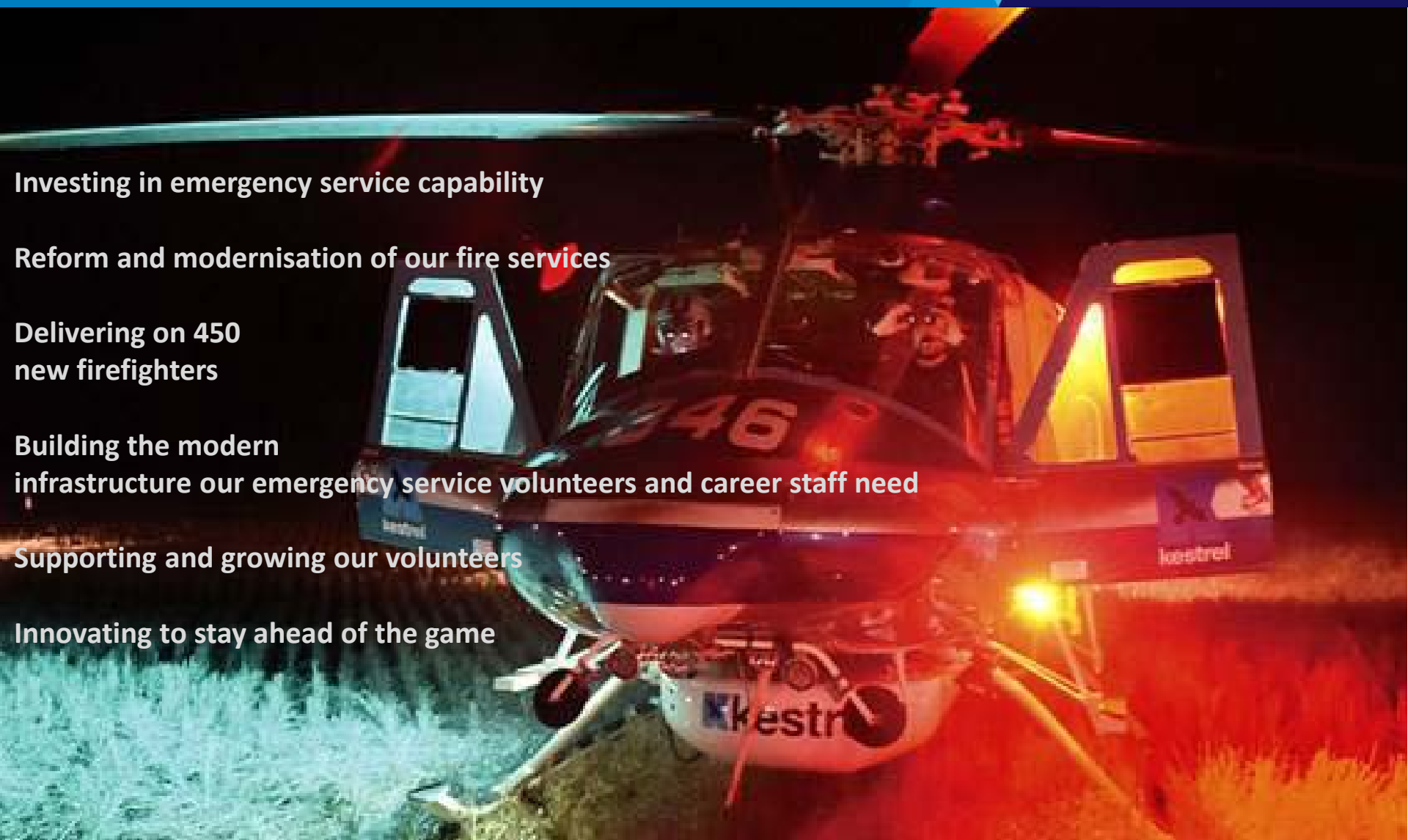
**Reform and modernisation of our fire services**

**Delivering on 450  
new firefighters**

**Building the modern  
infrastructure our emergency service volunteers and career staff need**

**Supporting and growing our volunteers**

**Innovating to stay ahead of the game**





## 2019-20 Budget Initiatives

### **2019/20 Budget investment delivers \$150 million in new funding on emergency service infrastructure, critical emergency service communications, and enhanced service delivery**

#### **Country Fire Authority**

\$14.7 million investment for one new fire station and three replacement fire stations

#### **Life Saving Victoria**

\$2.3 million investment to redevelop three clubhouses

#### **Marine search and rescue unit**

\$1.9 million investment in raining, fuel and equipment, and Volunteer insurance cover

#### **Victoria State Emergency Service**

\$21.1 million investment to acquire land for six new units and the relocation of one unit

#### **Funding to support improved emergency communications and to lower the drowning toll**

\$32.4 million to support ESTA's Triple Zero call taking and dispatch service

\$5.4 million for the New Emergency Alert system

\$70.6 million to improve Ambulance Victoria regional communications network and radios

\$1 million to expand Surfers Rescue 24/7 program