

Local Government

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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Environment,
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Local Government in Victoria



79 councils

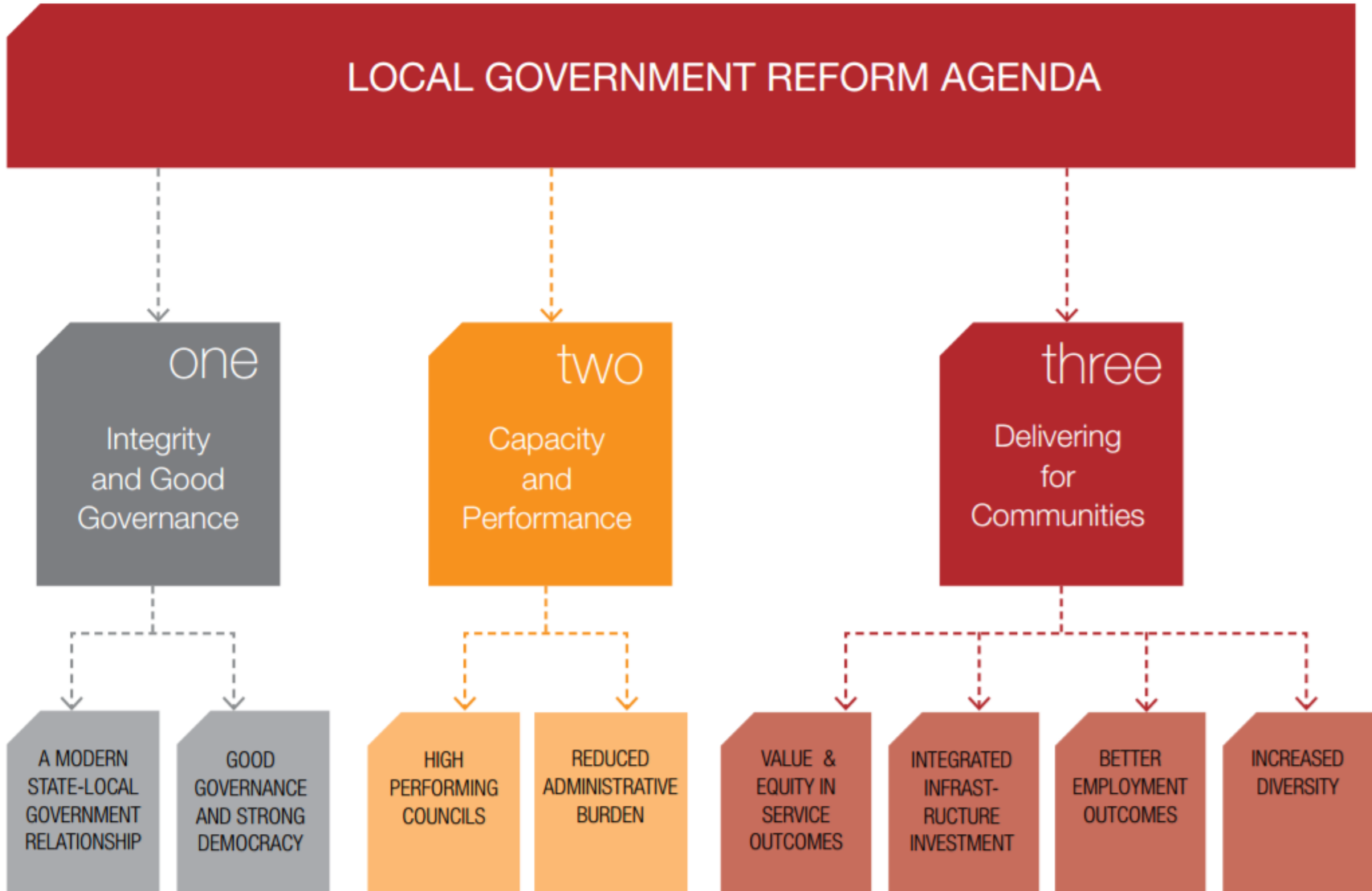
Representing 6.2 million people

Employing over 50,000 people

Spending more than \$8.2 billion on service delivery and \$2.8 billion on infrastructure

Managing over \$91 billion in public assets

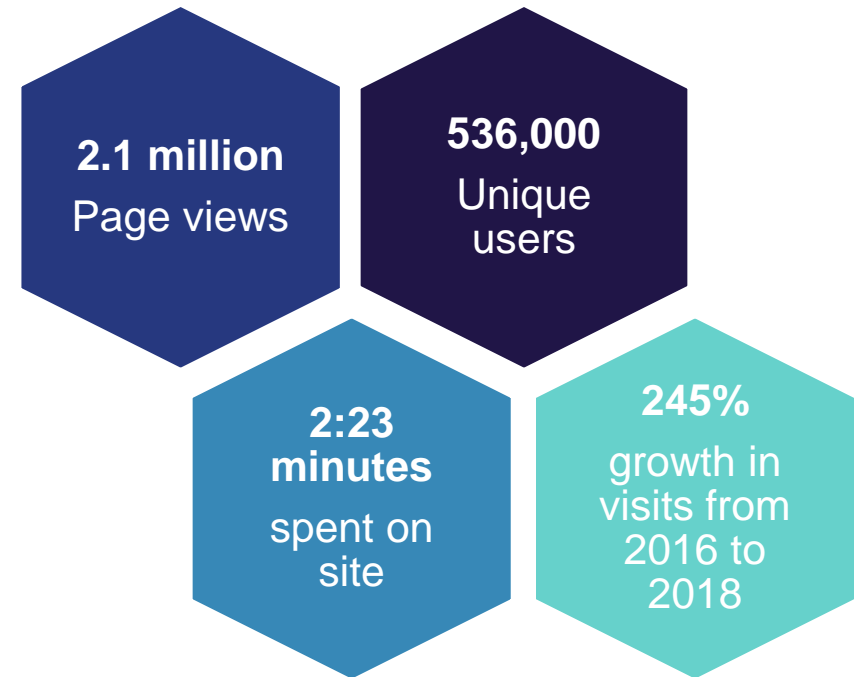


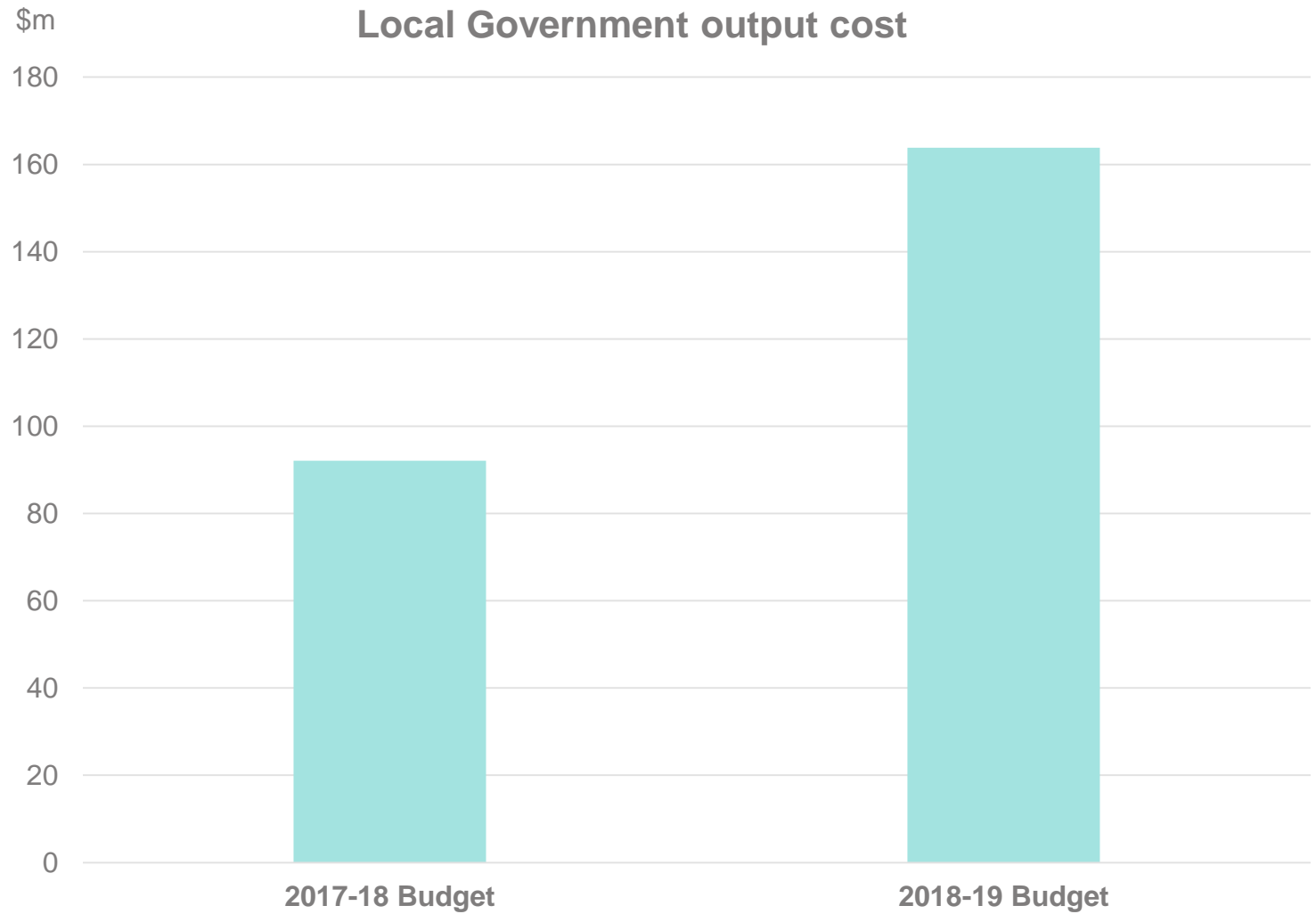


- **Review of the *Local Government Act 1989***
 - Exposure draft of proposed Bill released for consultation
 - Bill being prepared for introduction to Parliament
- **Rural Councils Transformation Program**
 - Identification of options to deliver long term financial and operational sustainability for rural councils
- **Growing Suburbs Fund**
 - Further 40 projects funded



- Launched in 2015
- Three years of comparative data now available
- Recognised by the Productivity Commission Report *Shifting the Dial: 5 year productivity review*





Growing Suburbs Fund

- Additional \$50 million in 2018-19
- Total commitment: \$200 million
- To date:
 - 116 projects
 - \$362 million total infrastructure investment
 - More than 3,900 local jobs



Rural Councils Transformation

- \$20 million in 2018-19
- Support the creation and implementation of new regional service delivery models
- Create financial efficiencies for local governments
- Provide more integrated and coordinated services for communities



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