

Parliamentary Inquiry into Infrastructure Projects in Victoria

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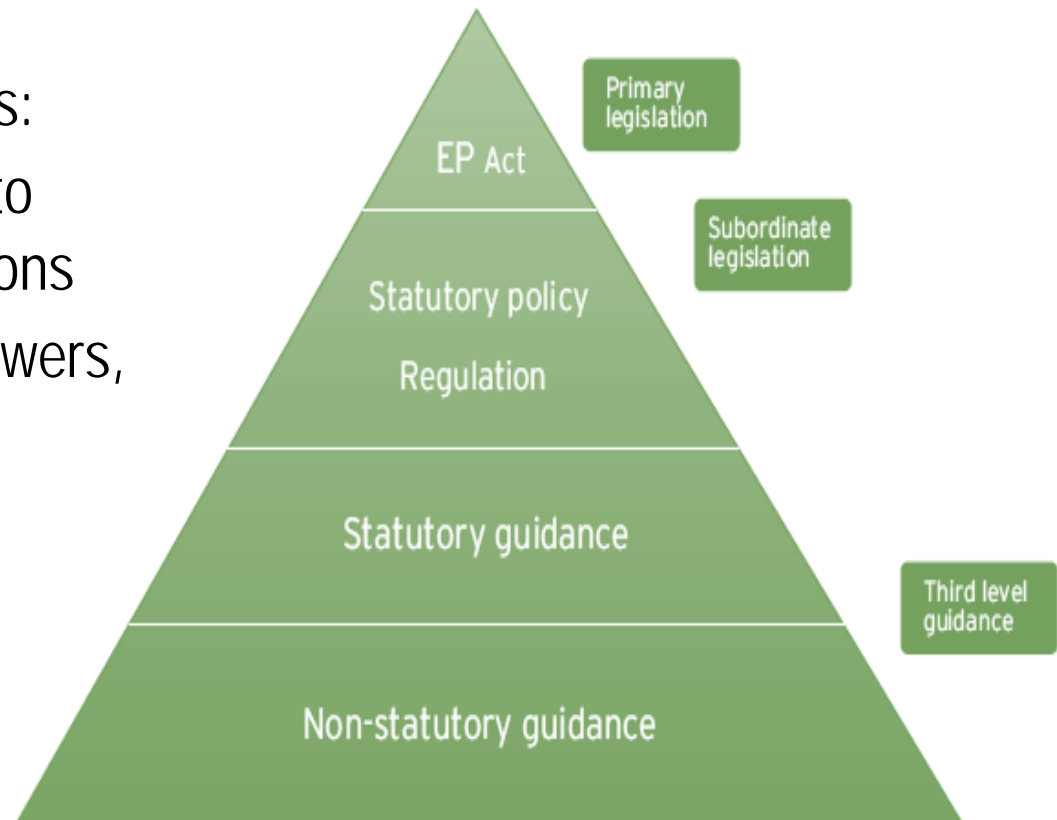


Overview

- Victoria's Environment Protection Framework
- Environmental Risks in Infrastructure Projects
- EPA role in Infrastructure Projects
- EPA's risk-based approach

Environment Protection Framework

- Under the *Environment Protection Act 1970*, EPA is:
 - Independent authority to make regulatory decisions
 - With broad range of powers, duties and functions.
- Statutory Environment Protection and Waste Management Policies.
- EPA's focus is to regulate pollution.



Environmental risks

- Air Quality
- Water (surface and ground)
- Contamination and spoil management
- Noise

EPA's role and project lifecycle



- EPA's role changes throughout lifecycle
- The earlier EPA is involved, the better environmental outcomes

EPA's risk-based approach

Environmental Effects Statement

- Project may or may not require a Works Approval under *Environment Protection (Scheduled Premises and Exemptions) Regulations 2007*
- Proactive and strategic involvement

High risk, complex projects

- Involvement is proportionate to environmental risks of project
- Proactive rather than reactive

Lower risk projects

- Upon request EPA will provide statutory and or technical advice
- Limited to no involvement, reactive rather than proactive

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Questions?



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