Streamlining for Growth
2020-21 Project Assessment Objectives

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES
Support economic activity, particularly in response to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2019-2020 summer bushfires, by:

a) Unblocking or fast-tracking strategic planning projects  
b) Accelerating the delivery of employment and residential land  
c) Achieving employment growth  
d) Increasing housing choice and affordability  
e) Improving alignment of infrastructure delivery (particularly transport infrastructure) with land use and development  
f) Promoting efficiencies and coordination across State and local governments and agencies for improved outcomes.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES
Support delivery of projects that align with:

a) The priorities set by the Minister for Planning in the VPA’s Statement of Expectations and annual Business Plan  
b) Plan Melbourne  
c) Homes for Victorians  
d) Regional Growth Plans  
e) Victoria’s Regional Statement  
f) Regional Strategies.

STREAM OBJECTIVES

1. Metropolitan Strategic Sites
Support development in metropolitan areas by:

a) Unlocking development in activity centres, National Employment and Innovation Clusters (NEICs), along train and tram routes, and on arterial roads  
b) Providing strategic planning support for Councils in metropolitan areas  
c) Clearing backlogs that help unlock brownfield and strategic development sites  
d) Speeding up the rezoning of strategic sites within existing suburbs  
e) Enabling development in areas that have remained undeveloped for some time  
f) Supporting the intent and delivery of the Melbourne Industrial and Commercial Land Use Plan.

2. Metropolitan Support (Established and Greenfield Streams)
Support development in metropolitan areas by:

a) Unlocking development in activity centres, National Employment and Innovation Clusters (NEICs), along train and tram routes, and on arterial roads  
b) Building capacity in local councils  
c) Providing strategic planning support  
d) Clearing backlogs that help unlock brownfield and key development sites  
e) Accelerating strategic planning projects  
f) Unlocking a land supply pipeline to facilitate growth  
g) Realising opportunities for value capture or infrastructure charging.
3. Post PSP Approvals Streamlining

Improve the timeliness and/or outcomes delivered by VPA-prepared plans by:
   a) Streamlining post-PSP subdivision approvals processes
   b) Achieving shorter approvals timelines
   c) Reducing red tape
   d) Supporting innovation
   e) Delivering better outcomes
   f) Supporting the direction of the Better Regulation Victoria review into Planning and Building approvals.

4. Regional Victoria

Support growth of regional cities, regional centres, peri-urban towns and other key regional urban areas by:
   a) Delivering on priorities and directions set in Regional Growth Plans
   b) Undertaking master planning for strategic sites
   c) Building capacity in local councils
   d) Supporting planning projects that assist in state and local bushfire recovery.