

2024 Victorian Regulators Conference

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How can regulators tackle today's challenges while preparing for tomorrow?

What will the future of regulation look like?

On 27 November 2024, the Department of Treasury and Finance presents the inaugural Victorian Regulators Conference, bringing together regulatory leaders from across sectors to explore these questions and more.

This invitation-only event features thought-provoking presentations and interactive panels, focusing on current challenges and future opportunities. Key themes include the evolving role of the modern regulator, implementing reforms, and leveraging digital technology such as AI to drive better outcomes.

Attendees will gain valuable insights and practical advice from policymakers, subject matter experts, and their peers in the regulation space.

We warmly invite you to join us.

Date:

27 November 2024

Venue:

**Investment Centre Victoria (ICV),
Level 46, 55 Collins Street**

SPEAKERS



The Hon. Danny Pearson MP
Assistant Treasurer, Minister for Transport Infrastructure, Minister for Suburban Rail Loop, Minister for WorkSafe and the TAC

Danny Pearson is the Member for Essendon in the Victorian State Parliament, first elected in 2014 and re-elected in 2018. Danny brings extensive experience in government oversight and leadership to his roles, having served as Chair of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee from 2014 to 2018 and as Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier from 2019 until June 2020.

In June 2020, Danny joined the Cabinet, taking on the roles of Assistant Treasurer, Minister for Government Services, and Minister for Regulatory Reform. Later that year, he also assumed the Creative Industries portfolio, which he held until mid-2022. In June 2022 he was appointed as Minister for Housing and subsequently as Minister for Government Services, Consumer Affairs in December 2022.

In October 2023, Danny was appointed to his current portfolios, where he oversees significant transport infrastructure projects and regulatory bodies, including WorkSafe and the Transport Accident Commission (TAC).



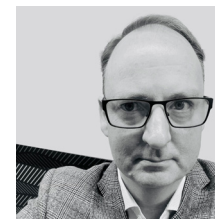
Paul Donegan
Deputy Secretary - Economic Division, Department of Treasury and Finance

Paul Donegan is Deputy Secretary, Economic Division at the Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance. Economic Division provides economic and policy advice to the Government on productivity, employment, taxation and regulation, along with social, environmental and economic development issues.



Dr. Stephen King
Commissioner - Productivity Commission

Stephen King is a Commissioner at Australia's Productivity Commission. Recently, he worked on the 2024 research papers on the implications of AI for Australia. Stephen is both a regulation researcher and practitioner. He was a Member of the Economic Regulation Authority of WA from 2010 to 2016 and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission from 2004 to 2009.



Rob Warner JP
Chief Advisor Strategy - Maritime New Zealand

With more than 30 years of New Zealand Government agency experience, Rob specialises in applied strategic foresight and complexity methodologies, Crown entity governance and neuroleadership. His executive qualifications from Oxford, Harvard and the University of Houston underpin his expertise in strategic thinking and decision making. For the last seven years, Rob has guided Maritime New Zealand's enterprise and regulatory strategies, transforming complexity into opportunity across multiple time horizons.



Lynda McAlary-Smith
Victorian Small Business Commissioner

Lynda commenced her role as the Victorian Small Business Commissioner in August 2021 and was recently reappointed for a further five years. Lynda has two decades of experience as regulator in multiple jurisdictions, including the Commonwealth and Victoria, and in workplace relations, building and construction and business regulation more generally. Lynda and the team at the Victorian Small Business Commission are dedicated to providing much-needed support to Victorian small businesses.

SPEAKERS



Paul Guerra

Chief Executive Officer - Victoria Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Paul is an internationally experienced leader and businessman, having held CEO/Managing Director and Chairman level roles across Asia Pacific, spanning several key industries. Paul is the Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Victoria's largest business advocacy organisation. Previously, he was the Chief Executive of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria (RASV), incorporating the Royal Melbourne Show and venue management of the Melbourne Showgrounds.



Robert Hortle

Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer - Wage Inspectorate Victoria

Robert is an accomplished government executive with more than 20 years of regulatory experience. Appointed as the inaugural Commissioner of Wage Inspectorate Victoria, Robert led the development of its Strategy and Outcomes Framework, implementation of Australia's first criminal wage theft laws and the transition to new 'risk-based' child employment regulation. Robert previously held senior executive and leadership positions as a regulator in the Commonwealth public service, including compliance, education, policy and corporate services roles.



Anna Cronin

Chief Executive Officer - Victorian Building Authority

Anna was appointed Chief Executive Officer at the Victorian Building Authority in June 2023, and appointed Commissioner and CEO in March 2024. Her previous roles include CEO of the National Farmers' Federation, Senior Executive in the Victorian and Western Australian Governments. She was also appointed as Victoria's first Commissioner for Better Regulation in 2015.



Dr. Ashley Bunce

Director - Regulatory Practice, Australia and New Zealand School of Government

Dr Ashley Bunce is an experienced regulatory practitioner. His experience includes developing innovative solutions to complex and challenging issues, and he has led a range of major reform initiatives. His commitment to best-practice regulation is reflected in longstanding contributions to the regulatory profession. This includes serving on the NRCoP National Steering Committee and Victorian Chapter, as well as serving as an inaugural member of ANZSOG's Alumni Advisory Council.



Sarah Court

Deputy Chair - Australian Securities and Investments Commission

Sarah commenced as an ASIC Deputy Chair on 1 June 2021. Before joining ASIC, Sarah worked as a Commissioner at the ACCC for three terms from May 2008 to May 2021. At the ACCC, Sarah led the Commission's enforcement and investigation work, and contributed extensively to strategic priority setting, statutory decision-making and leadership across the agency on a range of complex, economy-wide legal and economic issues.



Cressida Wall

Commissioner - Economic Growth and Better Regulation Victoria

Appointed Commissioner for Economic Growth and Better Regulation Victoria in January 2024, Cressida has a deep understanding of government from working across both public and private sector roles for two decades. Cressida advocates for strong collaboration between the private and public sectors to drive innovation and efficiency. A commercial litigator by trade, Cressida has worked at Minter Ellison and Corrs Chambers Westgarth, and was a Director on the Board of State Trustees Victoria and an OPV Advisory Board Member.

SPEAKERS



Fiona Grinwald
Director Behavioural Insights
– Department of Premier and Cabinet

Fiona has worked in social policy development and implementation for more than 20 years, in the health, justice, alcohol and other drug and gambling portfolios. For the last 7 years, Fiona has led the Victorian Government's behavioural insights unit, applying behavioural science to policies and services across government.



John Hamill
Managing Director - Chronotope Consulting
and former CEO, Essential Services Commission

John is an experienced regulatory executive and advisor with broad experience in leading regulatory reform in infrastructure, finance and social sectors. He provides strategic regulatory advice to a range of clients in Australia and New Zealand. John served as CEO of the Essential Services Commission of Victoria, where he led significant reforms in the water, energy, local government and transport sectors.



Clea Wiebenga
Director - Regulatory Reform,
Department of Treasury and Finance

Clea Wiebenga oversees the Business Acceleration Fund and whole-of-government regulatory reform program. Clea is committed to making it easier to do business in Victoria through regulatory reform and supporting regulators to effectively mitigate risk. Clea began her career as an M&A lawyer before working in banking in Melbourne, London and Shanghai.



Ylva Carosone
Executive Director - Small Business Victoria,
Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions

Ylva has over twenty years' experience in senior economic development roles across the Victorian Public Service. She currently leads Small Business Victoria to support Victorian small businesses to start, grow and thrive.



Jason Knight
Director - Better Regulation Victoria

Jason holds an Honours Degree in Economics and brings a wealth of experience gained through several regulatory operation and reform roles over the last 24 years. Recently, Jason has led work to support best-practice regulation (from regulatory design through to implementation, training and evaluation) and overseen the delivery of key regulatory reform initiatives, including the Better Approvals for Regulators Program and the Digitally Ready Regulators programs.

AGENDA

Session	Speakers
<p>8:15am Registration, Refreshments and Networking Join the Assistant Treasurer for networking and light refreshments on arrival.</p>	
<p>8:45am Welcome The conference commences with a Welcome to Country, followed by an address from the Assistant Treasurer.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elder leading the Welcome to Country• The Hon. Danny Pearson MP, Assistant Treasurer
<p>9:20am Making It Easier to Do Business in Victoria While Protecting Victorians Hear from the Deputy Secretary of Economic Division and the Director of Regulatory Reform from the Department of Treasury and Finance, as they set the scene for the day and outline the government's vision for regulatory reform and economic growth in Victoria.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paul Donegan, Deputy Secretary - Economic Division, Department of Treasury and Finance• Clea Wiebenga, Director - Regulatory Reform, Department of Treasury and Finance
<p>10:00am Business Perspectives: The Role of the Modern Regulator The Department of Premier and Cabinet will present insights from the recent hospitality sector 'sludge audit' on reducing unnecessary process frictions. The Small Business Commissioner and the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry share business perspectives and discuss the role of today's regulator.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fiona Grinwald, Director Behavioural Insights – Department of Premier and Cabinet• Lynda McAlary-Smith - Victorian Small Business Commissioner• Paul Guerra, Chief Executive Officer - Victoria Chamber of Commerce and Industry• Facilitator: Ylva Carosone - Executive Director - Small Business Victoria, Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions
<p>11:00am Regulatory Excellence: Balancing Change and Delivery A panel discussion on the complexities of organisational transformation, featuring insights on balancing reform, maintaining delivery standards, and fostering best practices alongside policy makers to drive cultural change.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anna Cronin, Chief Executive Officer - Victorian Building Authority• Sarah Court, Deputy Chair - Australian Securities and Investments Commission• Robert Hortle, Commissioner and Chief Executive Officer - Wage Inspectorate Victoria• Facilitator: Jason Knight, Director - Better Regulation Victoria

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<p>12:00pm Reform Opportunities Showcase</p> <p>A rapid showcase of current reform projects from the Department of Treasury and Finance and the Department of Government Services.</p> <p><i>Engage with project staff during lunch.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regulatory Reform team, Department of Treasury and Finance• Department of Government Services
<p>12:15pm Lunch</p>	
<p>1:00pm Regulating Tomorrow</p> <p>A thought-provoking presentation on the future-readiness of regulators – covering trends, practices, and tools to help regulators navigate an evolving landscape.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction by Dr. Ashley Bunce, Director - Regulatory Practice, Australia and New Zealand School of Government• Rob Warner JP, Chief Advisor Strategy - Maritime New Zealand
<p>2:00pm Embracing Change in Regulation</p> <p>A highly interactive panel exploring the implications of digital technology, artificial intelligence and data for regulators and the practice of regulation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cressida Wall, Commissioner - Economic Growth and Better Regulation Victoria• Dr. Stephen King, Commissioner - Productivity Commission• Facilitator: John Hamill, Managing Director - Chronotope Consulting and former CEO, Essential Services Commission
<p>3:00pm Closing</p> <p>Reflect on the day's insights and next steps.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clea Wiebenga, Director - Regulatory Reform, Department of Treasury and Finance
<p>3:05pm – 4.00pm Afternoon Tea and Networking</p> <p>Join us to connect with your fellow participants and build valuable connections (refreshments provided).</p>	

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