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The Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP
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Dear Minister D'Ambrosio

Ministerial Statement of Expectations

Thank you for your letter of 27 October 2018 containing your Statement of Expectations (SOE) for Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) for the period of 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2020. Your 2018-20 SOE includes nine performance measures and targets, set out in the appendix to this letter. These expectations have a focus on ensuring a seamless transition and deep stakeholder engagement with business and community on reforms arising from the *Environment Protection Act 2017* and *Environment Protection Amendment Act 2018*.

EPA has welcomed the Victorian Government's response to the Independent Inquiry into the EPA, and is implementing the recommendations. This letter confirms EPA's commitment to demonstrating good regulatory practice and achieving the performance targets in your 2018-20 SOE.

EPA has already made progress in delivering our transformation and meeting your performance targets. As per measure 6, EPA has put in place a dedicated channel (engagement@epa.vic.gov.au) for stakeholder engagement, which can be found on our website along with specific information on EPA's work to implement the Government's response to the *Independent Inquiry into the EPA*. Across 2019, our channels of engagement will broaden, supporting initiatives to engage with community and stakeholders, which will be communicated to you via the stakeholder consultation and engagement plan (measure 5) by 1 February 2019.

EPA has developed a transition plan to deliver the objectives of the *Environment Protection Amendment Act 2018* (measure 1). This plan is being used to guide the delivery of the legislative transition program and ensures management of a critical path of deliverables.

I confirm EPA will provide regular updates to you on our performance against these measures, report on the achievement of all SOE performance targets in the 2018-19 Annual Report, and include its SOE performance targets in the 2019-20 Annual Plan.

Yours sincerely



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2019 – 20 EPA Statement of Expectations Performance Targets

Measure	Target	Good regulatory practice element
1. Prepare EPA's transition plan to deliver the objectives of the <i>Environment Protection Amendment Act 2018</i>	Transition plan in place by 31 December 2018	Risk-based regulation
2. Develop and implement an engagement plan for consultation and notification of all works approval holders and licensees of any changes to approval and licensing processes and timetables from the <i>Environment Protection Amendment Act 2018</i> .	1 February 2019	Timeliness
3. Develop and workplan for developing general guidance for compliance with <i>Environment Protection Amendment Act 2018</i> , as well as a workplan for prioritised hazards and sectors.	Workplan for industry guidance developed by 1 February 2019 Model for industry support consulted by 30 June 2019	Compliance related assistance and advice
4. Activities to support business compliance including the development of guidance, business education and support	At least 10 activities	Compliance related assistance and advice
5. Prepare a stakeholder consultation and engagement plan for reforms arising from the <i>Environment Protection Act 2017</i> and <i>Environment Protection Amendment Act 2018</i> ensuring regular engagement with a broad range of stakeholders	To be provided to Minister by 1 February 2019	Stakeholder consultation and engagement
6. Establish a dedicated channel for stakeholders to request further information on changes to the EPA and provide feedback on changes; and ensure EPA communicates information on changes to EPA's operations across its variety of communications channels.	By 1 November 2018 Regular and timely publication of quality information before any changes take effect	Stakeholder consultation and engagement
7. Engage with community and other stakeholders on the development of a Charter of Consultation as per requirement in the <i>Environment Protection Amendment Act 2018</i>	Draft by 30 June 2019	Accountability and transparency
8. Report to the Minister on the EPA's implementation of the <i>Environment Protection Act 2017</i> and <i>Environment Protection Amendment Act 2018</i>	Quarterly	Accountability and transparency
9. Report to the Minister on the EPA's implementation of its commitments under the Andrews Labor Government Response to the Independent Inquiry into the Environment Protection Authority, through the implementation reporting coordinated by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning	Quarterly	Accountability and transparency