

Reducing red tape and barriers to growth for farmgate businesses

The Victorian Treasurer has asked the Red Tape Commissioner to consult with farmgate businesses and other stakeholders and report on red tape barriers and opportunities to remove them.

What does the Red Tape Commissioner want to know?

The Red Tape Commissioner would like to meet with agribusinesses at the farmgate level to identify red tape and other barriers impacting on your business operation and growth.

Red tape may relate to planning and building matters, food hygiene/safety, accommodation requirements and interactions with regulatory or approval bodies such as local councils or state government.

If your business is impacted by regulations, we want to hear from you.

What is red tape?

Businesses experience red tape in different ways and can include: very slow approvals, duplicated reporting and compliance requirements, barriers to new ideas and opportunities, outdated rules, and too much time wasted not working on the business. Red tape can lead to unnecessary delays, costs and rework – and can mean fewer jobs, less growth and less income.

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WE ARE HOPING YOU CAN TELL US:

1. What's the problem?

Please tell us which regulations or requirements are the issue. What government bodies are responsible? This may include State, Commonwealth or local government.

2. How does it affect your business?

Please tell us in general terms what impacts these regulations or requirements have on your business. For example, do they require extra reporting, cause delays, or prevent you from doing things in your business?

3. How would you fix the problem?

Please tell us what changes you think could be made? How would these changes improve your business?

We are also interested in hearing about your experiences:

- >> When you set up your business – how did you find out about regulations and try to make sense of it?
- >> When you dealt with a regulator or permitting organisation – what was your experience with your local council, liquor licencing, WorkSafe or any other organization that provides permits or inspects your business?

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