



Sustainability Victoria Strategic Review Stan Krpan

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About Sustainability Victoria

Sustainability agencies in Victoria

Department of Premier and Cabinet

Whole of Government policy



Department of
Sustainability
and Environment

Environmental policy

Sustainability
victoria



Program delivery agency



Regulator for
environmental
protection



State of Environment Report

Sustainability Victoria's activities

Business



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Advice for business



Walking the talk

Government

**ResourceSmart
Government**

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Retrofits for low
income households



Right Advice at the
Right Place



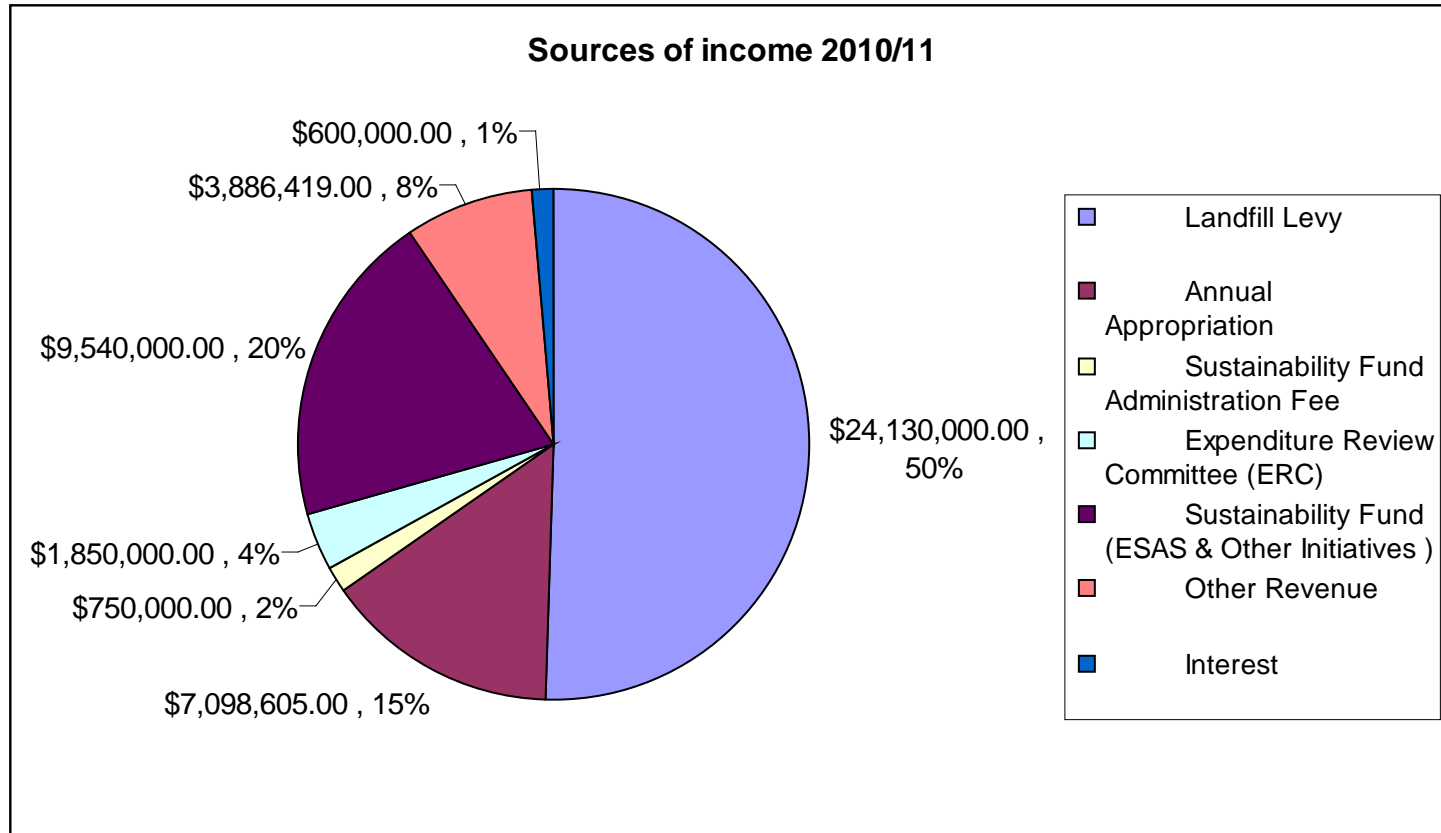
Rebates

Households

High level activities since 2005

<p>Outcomes</p> <p>Abated >12 million tonnes CO2</p> <p>Diverted around 700,000 tonnes waste from landfill</p> <p>Reached >3 million Victorians (2008/09 and 2009/10)</p>	<p>Programs</p> <p>50L fit-out</p> <p>Armstrong creek</p> <p>Smart Energy Zones</p> <p>CarbonDown</p> <p>Premier's Sustainability Awards</p> <p>Best Practice Kerbside Recycling</p>
<p>Actions</p> <p>8000 homes participated in "Energy and Water Task Force"</p> <p>25,000 solar hot water rebates</p> <p>254 Sustainability Fund projects</p> <p>300 Eco-smart electricians</p> <p>600 ResourceSmart Schools</p> <p>13 permanent Detox your home sites</p>	<p>Advice</p> <p>resource recovery</p> <p>program delivery</p> <p>renewable energy</p> <p>resource efficiency</p> <p>behaviour change</p> <p>communications</p> <p>built environment efficiency</p>

Income sources



Sustainability Fund

- > Supports innovative projects that foster sustainable resource use
 - Includes projects directed at communities, local government and business
 - Strategic allocations deliver on big ticket government policy issues
 - SV also receives funding for its program
- > Supports the Sustainability Fund Advisory Panel
- > Provides advice to enable Panel to make recommendations to Minister and Treasurer
- > \$166m on sustainability projects since 2005, leading to \$188m leverage in cash and in-kind support

SV Review

Background

- > *Sustainability Victoria has existed since 2005 when the former Labor Government brought together EcoRecycle and the Sustainable Energy Authority Victoria into one statutory authority.*
- > *It has not been comprehensively reviewed since that time.*
- > *It is important that SV's operations align to the Victorian Government's broader economic and reform agenda and that its activities are complementary to policies and programs administered by other parts of Government and specifically other agencies in the environmental portfolio.*
- > *A recent internal DSE review of funding to Victoria's sustainability agencies and their reporting arrangements, an audit by the Victorian Auditor General of Municipal Solid Waste Management and reviews of the EPA raise doubts on the effectiveness and efficiency of current waste, resource and sustainability programs.*

Scope of the Review

- > Consider the current operations and activities undertaken by SV.
- > Consider the outputs and outcomes of programs and their impact on environmental sustainability and the broader Victorian economy.
- > Consider the alignment and any duplication or inefficiency in the programs administered by SV, the Sustainability Fund and those offered by environmental portfolio agencies including the Department of Sustainability and Environment, Environment Protection Authority Victoria and metropolitan and regional Waste Management Groups.
- > Make recommendations which SV should take into account in preparing a new Strategic Plan for the organisation, business plans and any implications for resourcing.

Specific deliverables

- > The current state of SV and Sustainability Fund budget and expenditure and any improvements to efficiency.
- > The current programs administered by SV and the Sustainability Fund.
- > The effectiveness of programs administered by SV and the Sustainability Fund and measures of economic, environmental and sustainability outcomes.
- > The complementarity of environmental and sustainability programs administered by SV and the Sustainability Fund with EPA, DSE and other parts of government.
- > Improvements to governance required to ensure effective delivery.

Review Questions

SV's performance:

1. What has been your experience of working with SV, the Sustainability Fund or their programs and projects?
2. What was done well, what could be improved on?

Purpose of SV

3. What do households, communities, businesses and governments need from an environmental sustainability agency like SV?
4. What is the potential for SV to enhance Victoria's liveability?

SV's programs

5. Have SV and the Sustainability Fund been effective in delivering programs that support and promote waste avoidance and reduction, energy and resource efficiency or other environmentally sustainable practices?

6. Are there things we are doing which we should stop doing?

How should it work

7. How could SV, Sustainability Fund, Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), Environment Protection Authority, Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability, Waste Management Groups or other government agencies work better to deliver environmental sustainability programs? Are there gaps or overlaps in service delivery by these agencies?
8. Who should SV work with to achieve environmental sustainability in the use of our resources?

Measuring outcomes

9. How should we measure whether an agency like SV had been successful?

Website

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Sustainability Victoria website. The browser address bar displays www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/www/html/1517-home-page.asp. The page features a green and white color scheme. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for 'Who we are', 'Our programs', 'Find a service', 'Take action', 'Get informed', and 'News & events'. A search bar is located on the right side of the menu. Below the menu, the main heading reads 'Acting together for a sustainable future'. The introductory text states: 'Sustainability is about making sure the social, economic and environmental needs of our community are met and kept healthy for future generations. As an agency of the Victorian Government, Sustainability Victoria has a simple goal: to integrate sustainability into all aspects of Victorian life so that living sustainably forms part of what we all do every day.' A link to 'Learn more about the work we are doing' is provided. A large green banner for the 'Premier's Sustainability Awards 2011' is featured, with the text 'And the finalists are...' and a 'FIND OUT NOW' button. Below this, a 'LATEST NEWS & EVENTS' section lists several news items with dates: 'Coalition Government television recycling scheme' (20/05/2011), '2011 Tidy Towns - Sustainable Communities Awards closing soon' (13/05/2011), 'Echuca solar cooling system open' (21/04/2011), 'Switch on to CitySwitch and get a bonus for your business' (21/04/2011), and 'Eco-HUB opened in Warrambbool' (15/04/2011). On the right side, there are two columns of content. The first column, titled 'OUR INITIATIVES', includes a section for 'SV Review' with a 'Learn more' link, and a section for 'Working together with your community' featuring the 'Keep Australia Beautiful' logo and a 'Learn more' link. The second column, titled 'OUR SITES', includes a section for 'resourceSmart' with a description and a 'Visit ResourceSmart' link, and a section for 'SAVE ENERGY.' with a description and a 'Visit Save Energy' link. The page also includes social media icons for Twitter and Facebook, and a 'Visit our other sites' link to resourceSmart.

Feedback and submissions

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www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/www/html/2945-sustainability-victoria-review.asp?intSiteID=4

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- Sustainability Victoria ICT Usage Policy
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- Sustainability in Action
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Sustainability Victoria Review

On 5 May 2011 Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Ryan Smith, announced a Strategic Review of Sustainability Victoria.

The Strategic Review will examine Sustainability Victoria's focus and direction, to ensure it has a clear vision and strategy to deliver the most effective, practical and targeted outcomes.

5 May Media Release from Minister for Environment and Climate Change

- Download the [SV Review Media Release 5 May 2011 \(72KB\)](#)

Review Terms of Reference

- Download the [Terms of Reference Review of Sustainability Victoria \(11KB\)](#)

Review Q&As

Why is there a review of SV?

One of the State Government's broader aims in the environmental portfolio is for key agencies to work together in a more integrated and complementary way to achieve effective long-term results for Victoria's economy, livability and environment.

The Review is a key formative step in rethinking Sustainability Victoria's strategy and aligning the organisation with broader Government priorities.

Who will conduct the Review?

The Review will be led by the newly-appointed interim chair of SV's Board, Dr Gillian Sparkes, Deputy Secretary Department of Sustainability and Environment and resourced internally by SV staff.

Is it a review of SV alone or of the sustainability portfolio?

This is just a review of Sustainability Victoria. However, other Government and agency stakeholders will be asked to provide input. A key deliverable is better alignment of SV and its programs with the sustainability portfolio.

What is the timing for the Review?

The Review commenced on 5 May, with the Review report due to be delivered on 31 August. That report will inform the development of a five-year strategy by the SV Board.

Review feedback form

If you have enquiries about the Strategic Review of Sustainability Victoria, please call 1300 363 744

If you would like to provide input into the Strategic Review of Sustainability Victoria, please use the form below.

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Title

* First name

* Last name

Job title

Organisation/project name

Telephone number

Email

Please provide your feedback here (note maximum of 4000 characters)

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