

Protecting Victoria's environment for 40 years

John Merritt – CEO





we've been getting our house in order.....

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Our vision is a **‘healthy environment that supports a liveable and prosperous Victoria’**

- Clean Air;
- Healthy Water;
- Safe Land; and
- Minimal disturbance from Noise and Odour.....for all Victorians

To achieve this, we must be an effective environmental regulator and an influential authority on environmental impacts

Priorities



Reduce environmental and health impacts of historical contamination

Prevent pollution and improve efficiency of resource use

Avoid future impacts by anticipating and acting

- Deal with Past Pollution
- Tackle Current Pollution
- Shape the environmental future

Operating Model



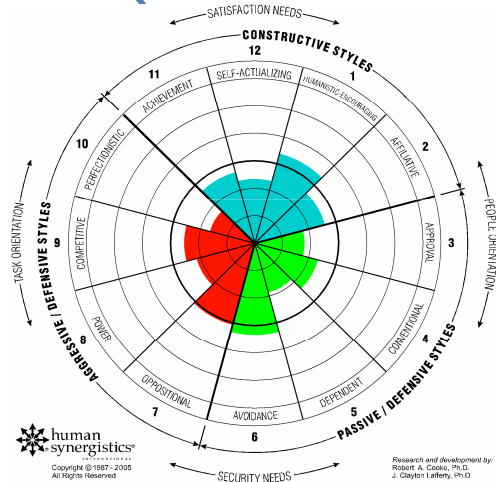
A modern regulator uses a range of methods to influence outcomes and achieve objectives



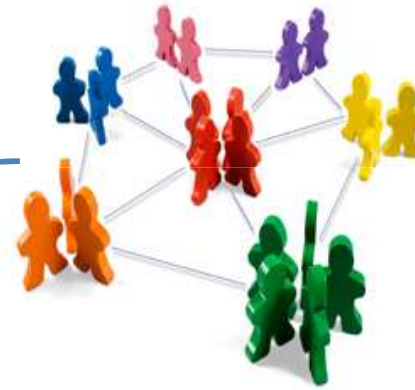
Accountability



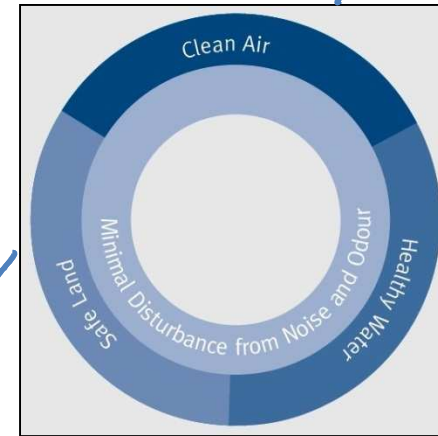
We expect to be held to account for our performance by industry, by community and by government



EPA Culture

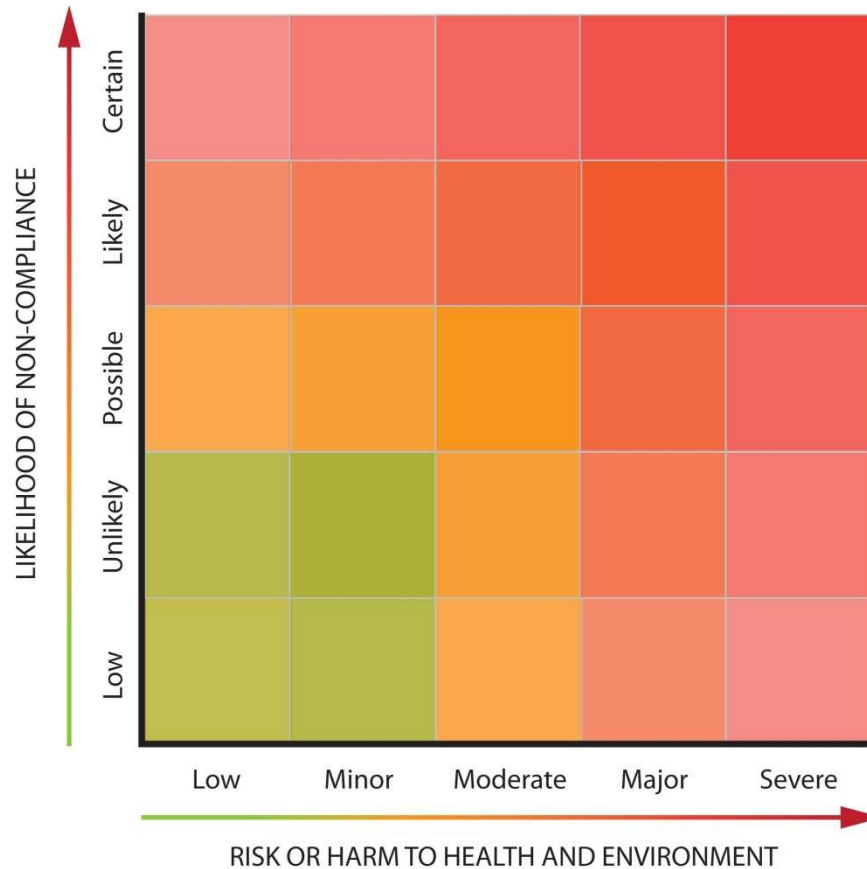


Social Research



Environmental Outcomes

Approach to Compliance



Allocate resources where biggest difference can be made, or where the biggest risks to health, safety or wellbeing can be managed

Targeting High Risk Sectors

- Water
- Waste
- Manufacturing
- Agriculture
- Hotspots ie Brooklyn, Clayton, Illegal dumping
- Licenced Sector





a collaborative approach.....

Corporate Capabilities



	Exercise our Regulatory Powers
	Apply our Knowledge & Authority
	Build Strong Partnerships
	Transform to an Effective Organisation

National approach for harmonising Victoria's regulatory practices

Work with local govt, planners, co-regulators and community

Work with industry groups to support businesses to comply with the law

Improves our response to reports from community

New Engagement Model

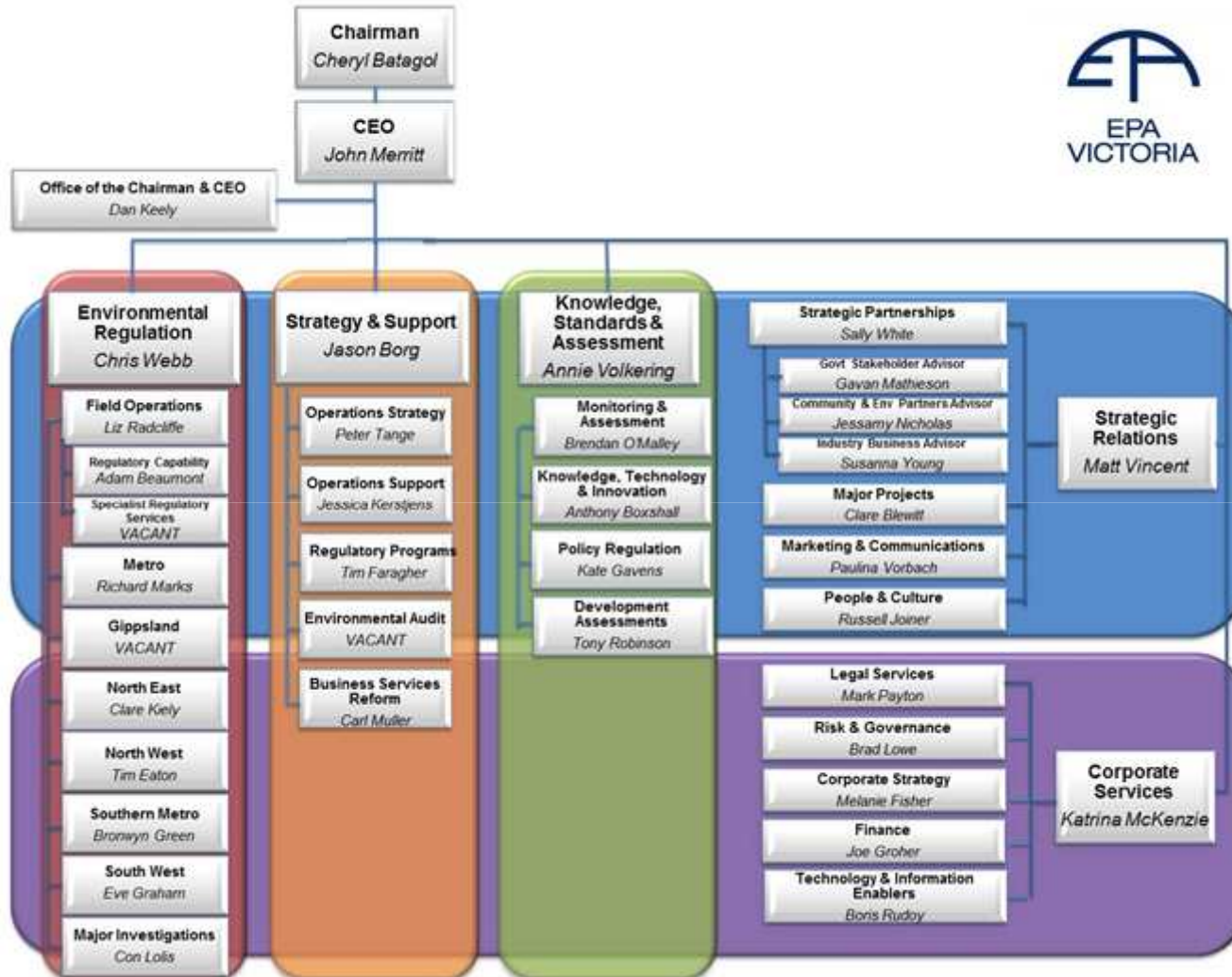


EPA collaborates and builds partnerships with government and strategic partners that enable more effective and strategy delivery of our legislative mandate.

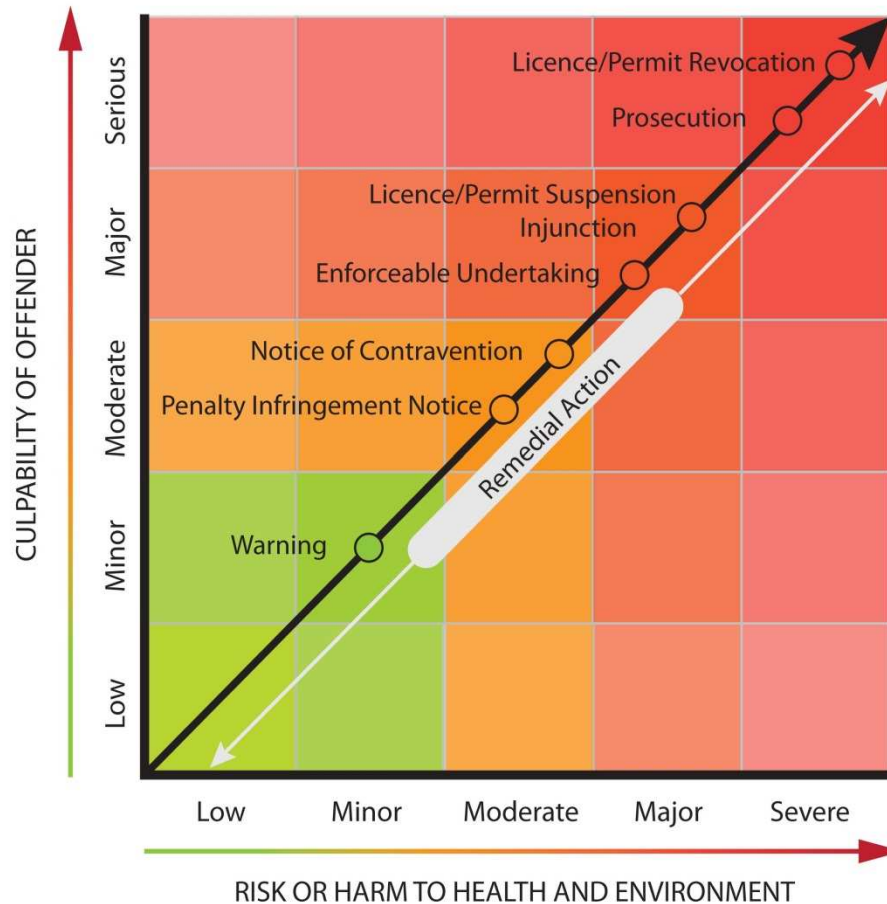
EPA takes our relationship with industry seriously

- New Business Reference Group
- 24 hour Customer Service Centre
1300 EPA VIC
- New Strategic Relations directorate and Strategic Partnerships Unit
- Dedicated industry advisor for Ai Group and its members

New Structure



Approach to Enforcement



Sanctions come second to fixing the problem

... the more severe the impact or risk, or the greater the culpability of the offender...

the larger the sanction

Compliance Support & our C&E Policy in Practice



Compliance Advice

Licence Reform – Guidelines in place

Pollution Abatement Notices – a remedial tool

Sanctions – transparent criteria and escalation process



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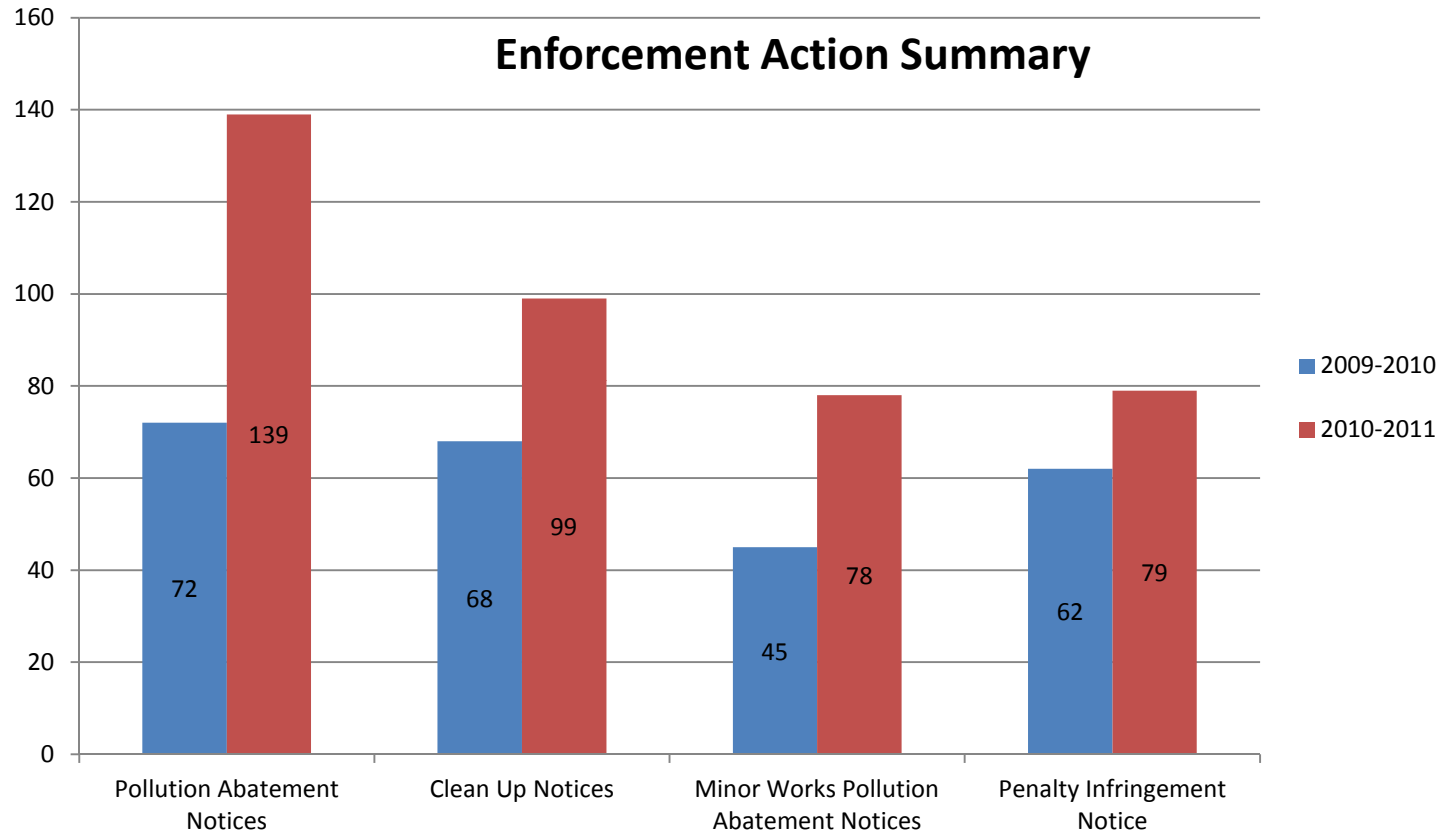


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Performance so far



Support Industry to Comply



Ai Group & EPA have aligned objectives under a Sustainability Covenant

The ACERT program sets a new standard in working collaboratively

EPA staff are excited by this program



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