

Initiatives to improve tourism approvals

Planning reform

Amendments to planning legislation will achieve:

- Fast-tracked pathway for WAPC assessment of State significant developments. This includes a power for the Premier to refer a tourism proposal to WAPC.
- A Special Matters Development Assessment Panel for special projects and precincts, which could include tourism proposals.
- Streamlined change of use applications.



Small Business Friendly Approvals Project



Simplify local government approval practices and reduce approval timeframes.



Improve service standards and customer satisfaction.

Online one stop shop



Approvals will be made accessible through a single digital platform.



Digital reform will improve communication efficiency.



Clear guidance

Clarity will avoid inconsistent interpretations, improve a proponent's understanding of the process requirements and provide transparency.



Strengthen case management support

Streamline cross-agency referrals and achieve a 'one public sector' approach. Agency agreement on escalation by case manager.

Build common understanding



Increase training and skills to ensure agencies can better support tourism businesses through approval processes.



Build mutual understanding and a culture of enablement.



Statements of expectation

Clear statements will improve regulatory culture, guide agency priorities, and outline how to reconcile competing objectives.



Streamlining legislative reforms

Streamline processes and remove duplication to accelerate decision-making and business efficiency.



Performance measurement

Increase transparency and public confidence. Agency accountability will encourage better performance and ensure timeframes are clear.