‘Transform’ is an additional stage of the Smart Planning program, subject to funding, that would commence from mid-2018. Transform would build on the earlier stages of the Smart Planning Program to further reshape the planning system to meet the challenges of the next 30 years.

Potential Outcomes
At this stage Transform involves a broad range of considerations, including:

- proactive, outcome-focused plans and rules which can deliver policy priorities and are adaptable to a fast moving world
- a fit for purpose, value adding delivery model for planning outcomes
- an easy to use, digitally inspired, intelligent system that improves experiences
- processes for, and approaches to, development control and changes to planning schemes, including stakeholder engagement.

Building the business case
The 2016-17 Victorian Budget allocated $25.5 million to the first two years of Smart Planning. Transform funding has yet to be secured.

From late 2016 to mid 2017, we researched the needs and opportunities of a future transformation program, in order to develop a business case for future funding.

This included consultation with planners and other stakeholders across the public and private sectors. We sought to understand current and anticipated future issues for the planning system, as well as gather innovative ideas and solutions.

Timeline
If successful in gaining funding, Transform would commence in mid-2018.

KEY BENEFITS
Transform provides an opportunity to deliver:

- a user-friendly, best-practice planning system for the future that is responsive to the needs of Victorians, and generates investments and job growth
- a system that protects liveability and sustainability as the state experiences strong population growth, demographic changes and increasing demands.