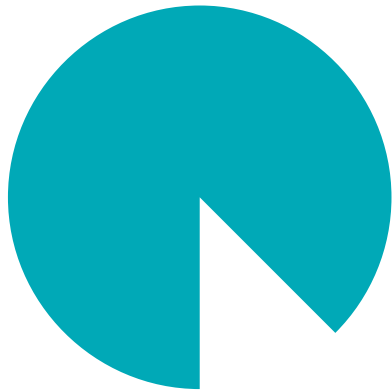


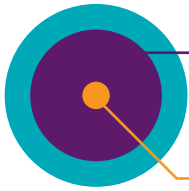
**VPP**  
**Reform**  
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**Results**  
**June 2017**



# Section 1: Respondent story

The questions in Section 1 were compulsory, (688 out of 688 responded).

## How often do respondents use a planning scheme in Victoria?



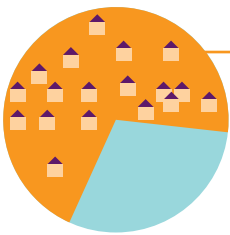
72% of respondents said they use the planning scheme on a daily basis

15% use it weekly

**87% use the system at least once per week**

Monthly 8%, don't use 2%, yearly 1%, less than yearly 1%.

## ...of these respondents

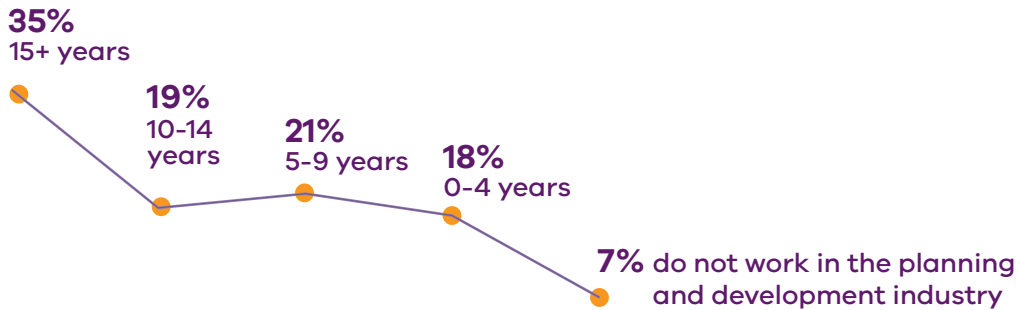


**over 70% were planners**

41% local government planners  
17% planning consultants  
10% state government planners  
4% referral authority planners

Other 9%, building and development professional 7%, design professional 5%, doesn't work in planning or development 5%, academic 1%, legal professional 1%.

## the majority have been involved in planning for some time...



## and typically use the planning scheme in the following contexts...



**48%**  
Metropolitan Melbourne

**21%**  
State-wide

**17%**  
Rural area

**15%**  
Regional city

## Section 2: A modern planning scheme

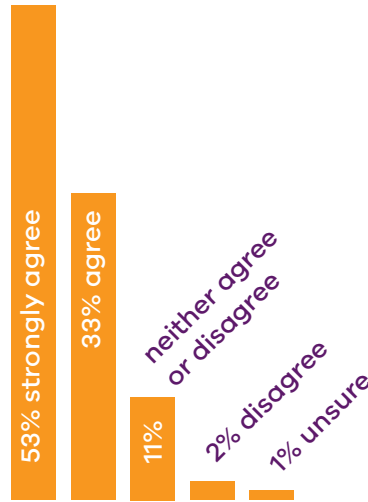
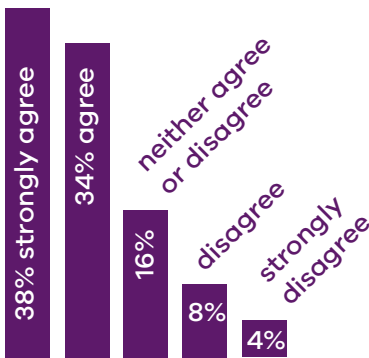
*Do planning schemes need to be reduced in complexity?*

**72% agreed**

**or strongly agreed**

that planning schemes need to be reduced in complexity

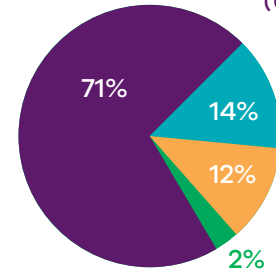
(671/688)



**71% found permit triggers were difficult to locate**

14% neither agreed or disagreed, 12% disagreed, 2% strongly disagreed.

(668/688)



**86% of respondents held the opinion that use of digital platforms would improve useability (671/688)**

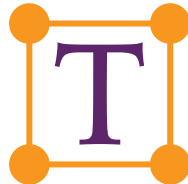
12% neither agreed or disagreed, 2% disagreed.

*The majority of respondents agreed that the following changes would increase the effectiveness and efficiency of planning schemes (677/688).*



**400 votes**

Online library of documents



**396 votes**

Improved order and layout



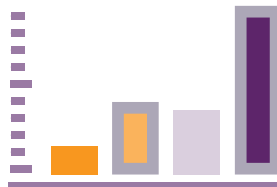
**390 votes**

Simpler language



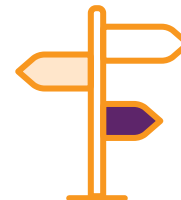
**381 votes**

Introduction of hyperlinks



**346 votes**

More graphics, colour and maps



**317 votes**

Clearer user guide

## Section 3: Overcoming over-regulation

When respondents were asked if there are too many minor matters that require a planning permit...

### 68% agreed or strongly agreed

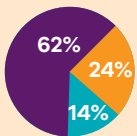
14% neither agreed or disagreed, 13% disagreed, 3% strongly disagreed and 2% were unsure

(674/688)



The majority of respondents said there should be...

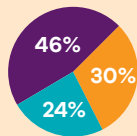
More exemptions for buildings and works within the planning scheme.



**62% yes**

(669/688)

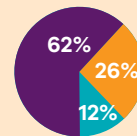
More 'as of right' or permit exempt land uses within the planning scheme.



**46% yes**

(667/688)

Increased planning permit exemptions for construction and extension of a single dwelling or on a lot.



**62% yes**

(666/688)

● yes ● no ● unsure



### 79% considered that the referral process could be improved or made more efficient

15% were unsure, 6% said no.

(676/688)

### 67% considered that some external referral responses could be effectively implemented as standard permit conditions

20% were unsure, 13% said no.

(669/688)

## Section 4: Actions and recommendations

Survey respondents provided the following insights, actions and recommendations for VPP reform.

*The **Particular Provisions** could be changed to make planning schemes more efficient and effective... (664/688)*



**60%**  
said yes



**31%**  
said no



**9%**  
were unsure

*Respondents consider that the following provisions could be relocated within the VPPs... (344/688)*

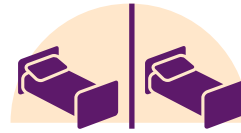
This may be achieved through relocation of provisions to the table of uses within the relevant zone(s), or as a new exemption under Clause 62 if it meets the requirements.



Private tennis court  
(177)



Satellite dish (170)



Shared housing (159)



Crisis accomodation  
(147)



Convenience,  
restaurant,  
take-away food  
premises (128)



Boat or caravan sales  
(108)



Heliport and  
helicopter landing site  
(84)

*Outdoor Advertising Terms listed in Clause 73 could be improved to provide greater clarity for users... (658/688)*

**55% yes**

37% unsure  
9% no

## Section 4: Actions and recommendations cont.

### *Top 10 Overlays identified for review by survey respondents (621/688 respondents):*

1	Design and Development Overlay (DDO) – 13%
2	Heritage Overlay (HO) – 12%
3	Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO) – 10%
4	Neighbourhood Character Overlay (NCO) – 8%
5	Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO) – 8%
6	Development Contributions Plan Overlay (DCPO) – 7%
7	Vegetation Protection Overlay (VPO) – 6%
8	Special Building Overlay (SBO) – 4%
9	Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO) – 4%
10	Parking Overlay (PO) – 3%

### *Top 10 Particular Provisions identified for review by survey respondents (358/688 respondents):*

1	Car Parking (52.06) – 20%
2	Advertising Signs (52.05) – 16%
3	Native Vegetation (52.17) – 8%
4	Uses with Adverse Amenity Potential (52.10) – 6%
5	Public Open Space Contribution and Subdivision (52.01) – 6%
6	Licensed Premises (52.27) – 4%
7	Land Adjacent to a Road Zone Category 1, or a Public Acquisition Overlay for a Category 1 Road (52.29) – 4%
8	Shared Housing (52.23) – 4%
9	Specific Sites and Exclusions (52.03) – 3%
10	Easements, Restrictions and Reserved (52.02) – 3%