

About the Office of the Conservation Regulator

Strengthening the protection of Victoria's environment through best practice conservation regulation

Who we are

The Office of the Conservation Regulator (OCR) was established early in 2019 within the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).

Victoria's Chief Conservation Regulator

Victoria's Chief Conservation Regulator (CCR) will oversee the OCR and have responsibilities for DELWP's regulatory functions.

Areas of responsibility

The OCR will provide a central point of coordination and oversight for DELWP's regulatory functions including the natural environment, timber harvesting, public land use, fire prevention, wildlife and biodiversity.

Our role

The OCR will:

- Set priorities for regulatory activities
- Be transparent about what we do and how we work
- Be clear about what we can and can't do as a regulator
- Provide clear guidance and information to raise awareness about the law and assist those we regulate to understand what the law allows
- Monitor compliance and enforce the law.

Our initial focus (2019)

The OCR's early work will focus on lifting DELWP's regulatory performance. We will:

- Develop a Regulatory Framework and Operating Model to build the effectiveness and consistency of our regulatory work
- Develop Statements of Regulatory Intent for our key regulatory responsibilities
- Establish a Communications and Engagement strategy and a Compliance and Enforcement Policy.



How we will work

The OCR is committed to working openly and transparently with the community and stakeholders to improve conservation regulation in Victoria. We will be providing information and opportunities to be involved in the coming months.

More information

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