

Guy Barnett, Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing

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## Delivering regulation reform to help business and the community

The Rockliff Liberal Government continues to work with the business sector and the wider community to deliver positive reforms to make doing business and life in Tasmania even simpler, easier and more productive.

This commitment to reducing unnecessary regulation has been welcomed across the business and community sectors and has resulted in more than 80 per cent of identified issues being resolved.

Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing, Guy Barnett, said each time a red tape issue was addressed it was another victory for Tasmanian businesses and consumers.

"According to the latest report from the Red Tape Reduction Coordinator, 2022-23 has identified an additional 25 issues that will be reformed through working with small businesses and the wider community," Minister Barnett said.

"Among the highlights of this year's red tape reform work is the Agritourism Regulatory Reform Project which has developed 26 recommendations to streamline approvals in the agritourism sector for farm stays, vineyards and paddock-to-plate operations.

`There have also been significant reforms to improve the dispute resolution process for the residential building sector to improve the process associated with building homes. The Residential Building (Miscellaneous Consumer Protection Amendments) Bill 2022 amends the framework to strengthen consumer protections, increase accountability and most importantly streamlines the dispute resolution process for residential building work.

"Finding and accessing government services can be difficult for a number of Tasmanians. Many services require people to fill in paper forms, attend Service Tasmania Shop and present hard copies of identity documents. Not all services are connected so Tasmanians can expect to present the same information to different agencies at different times.

"With input from Science and Technology Minister Madeleine Ogilvie, the Government has committed \$4.3 million over four years to develop a digital Service Tasmania portal (my Service Tas) to provide

"Since 2014 the Tasmanian Liberal Government has successfully worked with small business and the community to improve, reduce or remove 156 regulatory permits, approvals and other reform matters making Tasmania an even better place to live, run a business, invest, build a home and raise a family," Minister Barnett said.

The Red Tape Reduction Report 2022/23 is available on the Office of the Coordinator-General's website at cg.tas.gov.au and red tape issues also can be submitted here.