

Council Endorses Better Approvals Project

South Gippsland Shire Council will implement The Better Approvals Project, a Victorian Government initiative designed to reduce the time taken for a small business to obtain regulatory permits, following its meeting this week.

The project is a priority of the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR) which aims to reduce the administrative burden on both business and Council through collaboration with Council staff, Small Business Victoria and design consultants.

Reforms will have a strong customer focus and will result in a suite of structured Council processes that deliver value for the small business community.

The Victorian Government will cover costs of a consultant to undertake the project and Council will provide staff support for implementation.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Manager Economic Development and Tourism Renae Littlejohn was pleased that the project would streamline opportunities for the South Gippsland business sector.

"One of the exciting reforms to be expected of The Better Approvals Project is a simpler application process for businesses which will cover requirements under Council's Economic Development, Planning, Environmental Health, and Local Laws departments.

"Council is committed to supporting its local business sector and we are proud that this work will help to foster development for our businesses and the region," said Ms Littlejohn.

Further discussions will now be held with the Victorian Government to determine the timeline and process for the project.

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