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A Green Light for New Ideas in Victoria

The Victorian Government has given the green light for a new race for ideas under changes strengthening the guidelines supporting market-led proposals from the private sector.

Industry Association Consult Australia welcomed the changes which help remove some of the barriers to business approaching government with fresh thinking for new projects.

Consult Australia CEO Megan Motto observed: 'Consulting firms in the built environment design the solutions to many of the challenges currently facing governments in dealing with congestion, climate change, and the liveability and productivity of our communities.'

'The changes announced by Treasurer Pallas today provide greater transparency and should help incentivise new ideas from the private sector to strengthen Victoria.'

Ms Motto noted the importance of protecting firms' intellectual property in the assessment of ideas brought to government.

'For consulting firms, their intellectual property is their competitive advantage. The Government has opened the door to these businesses, particularly in making provisions for payments where appropriate.'

With greater clarity on the Government's priorities and projects of interest, the new Guideline will help reduce the costs and risks of firms approaching government and help ensure only the best ideas progress.

'This is good news for business, and good news for all Victorians, who deserve only the best ideas for their tax-payer dollar' said Ms Motto.

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