

South Australia – Regulatory Reforms to Improve Private Sector Development

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On 8 July 2014, South Australian Premier the Hon. Jay Weatherill MP announced a series of reforms designed to simplify regulation and improve the timeliness of private sector development in the State.

Premier Weatherill's press release is available [here](#).

The package, detailed at the Committee for Economic Development (CEDA) State of the State lunch, includes a new private sector development coordination role for Department of Premier and Cabinet Chief Executive, Jim Hallion, to assist lodged projects valued over \$3 million in clearing bureaucratic hurdles, and the establishment of a new Simpler Regulation Unit to work with industries in removing/improving regulations.

In his speech to CEDA, the Premier outlined the need for improved timeliness of development projects in South Australia, at a time when business confidence is growing, in the face of blockages that developers may encounter, particularly in regional South Australia.

“Developers with projects valued over \$3 million across the State will be invited to contact Mr Hallion so he may assist them through any blockages they might have in front of them across all levels of Government.

“These blockages might be related to issues such as planning, environment, council regulations, water, liquor licencing and so on.”

As part of the reform package, every Government board and committee in the State will also be abolished, unless it can be demonstrated that it has an essential purpose that cannot be fulfilled in an alternative way.