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DIGITAL REVOLUTION MAKING LIFE EASIER FOR VICTORIANS

This pandemic has asked us to rely on technology more than ever, requiring the Victorian Government's online systems to adapt – fast.

The *Victorian Budget 2020/21* will build on these efforts, making it easier, simpler and faster for Victorians to get the support and services they need online.

That includes \$195.9 million to establish Digital Victoria to centralise and simplify the Victorian Government's IT services -- reducing costs and improving the delivery of services to Victorians.

Digital technology has been pivotal in keeping us connected during the pandemic, but whether it's going online to update your licence or sitting down for an important conference with colleagues, the safety and reliability of this technology is crucial.

To combat the global increase in cyber threats and keep us safe from these types of attacks, the Andrews Labor Government is investing a further \$7.5 million to bolster the state's cybersecurity and protect our systems from cyber criminals.

Victorian businesses have played an incredibly important role in keeping us safe during the pandemic – and we are standing with them as they begin the long task of recovery.

This Budget invests \$5.2 million to digitise business licencing through *Service Victoria*, so businesses can spend less time waiting in line, and more time growing their business and supporting their staff.

The Budget also provides \$75 million over the next four years to overhaul government regulation – making things like starting a small business or doing a home renovation quicker, simpler and more straightforward.

The investment will also establish a dedicated team to slash red tape and help businesses to navigate the simplified system.

Hospitals and schools will also be fitted with solar panels and energy efficient lighting, creating up to 200 jobs and saving money as part of a \$59.9 million investment in the Greener Government Buildings Program.

We know that young people and women have been disproportionately impacted by this pandemic. That's why the Budget includes \$4 million to make sure that, as part of our Government's procurement process, businesses are providing training and employment opportunities for young people, women returning to the workforce and a range of other groups who would otherwise struggle to find work.

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“We want to support business owners who have done it tough this year by making things as easy and efficient as possible as we rebuild our economy.”

“Whether it’s applying for a permit, or updating your rego, heading online should be simple and straightforward. Thanks to this investment, it will be.”

“The global threat of cyber security attacks is a risk for Victoria – so we’re strengthening our safeguards to ward off these threats.”