

EPA – A Modern & Accountable Regulator?

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Environment Protection Act

S1L Principle of Accountability

“The aspirations of the people of Victoria for environmental quality should drive environmental improvement”

EPA to get tough on waste site breaches
Sources put 'on notice

Major district dairy factories
fall short in EPA inspections

Fined for creating stink

EPA prosecutes sewage station
**Fined over
failure of
pump hose**

EPA fine for unlicensed dumping at
Violet Town landfill

Mobil gets spill bill

Drinks company fined

**Bond, fine for
illegal dumping**

Industrial dust a hazard in
western suburbs, says EPA

Oil spill costs truck firm \$130,000

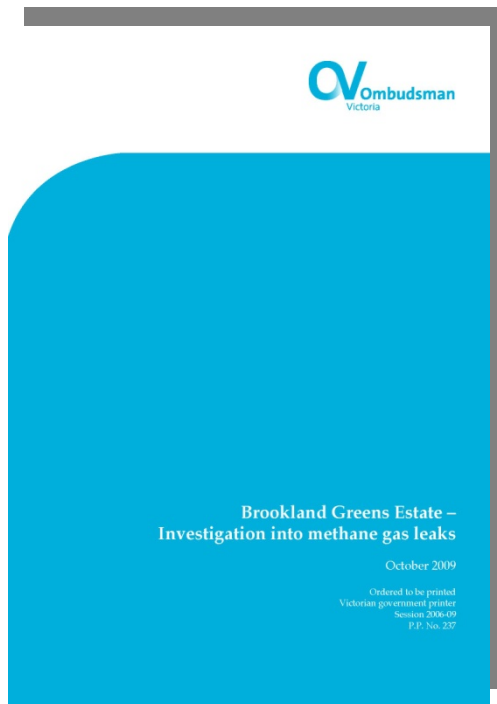
**Industrial
waste site
costly for
company**







Ombudsman Victoria – Brookland Greens Estate



- **Key findings:**
- EPA should strengthen works approval, compliance, enforcement & knowledge management capabilities
- Number of agencies, including EPA, missed opportunities to prevent gas migration
- EPA took action in response to high gas readings

Our response

- Confirm our purpose to protect, care for and improve the environment
- Act as a modern regulator:

**Strong
Consistent
Transparent
Accountable**



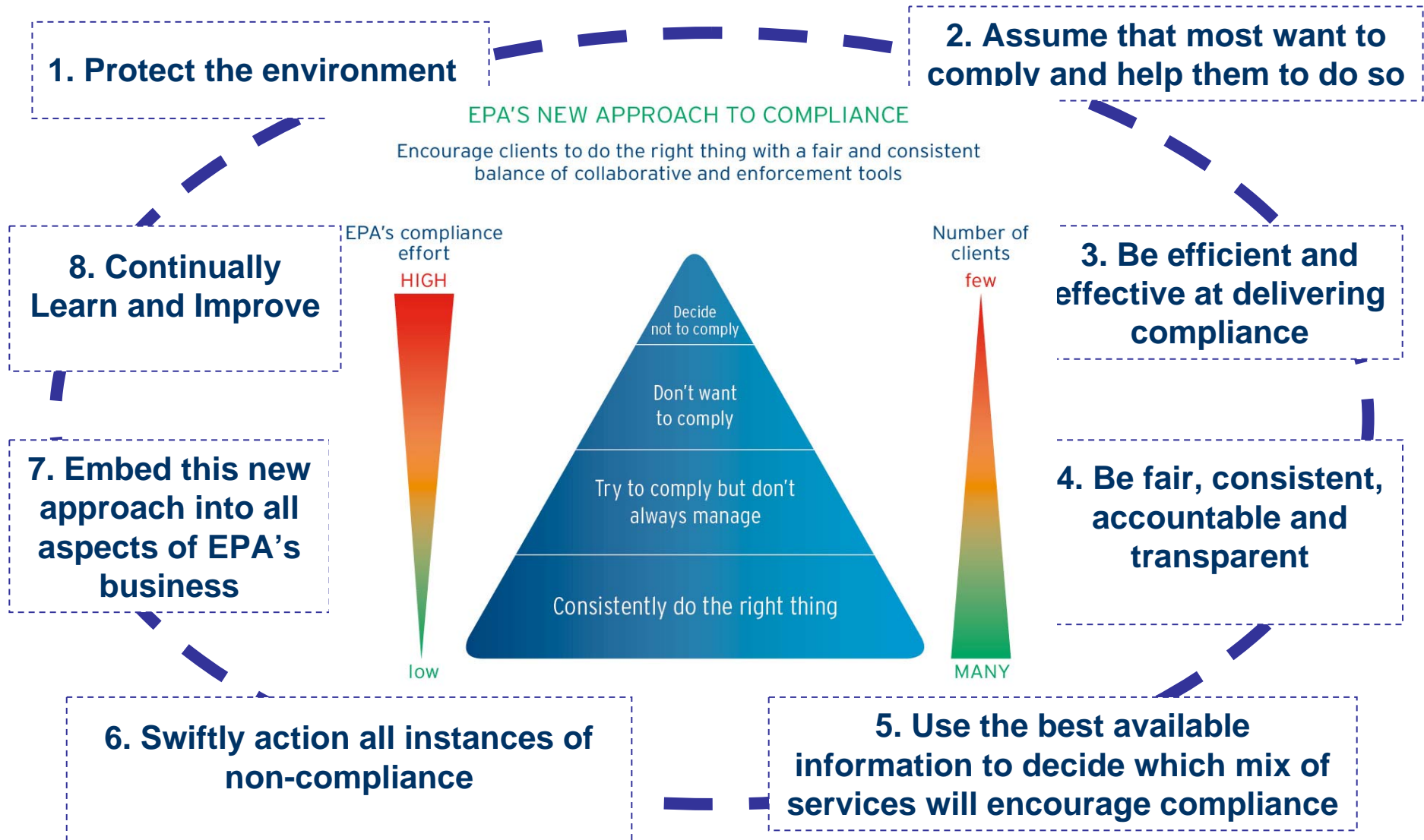
**Collaborative
Guiding**

- Reform internal processes to support our regulatory role

Our mandate

- Set standards
- Regulate against the standards
- Help organisations to comply and go beyond compliance

Compliance Framework



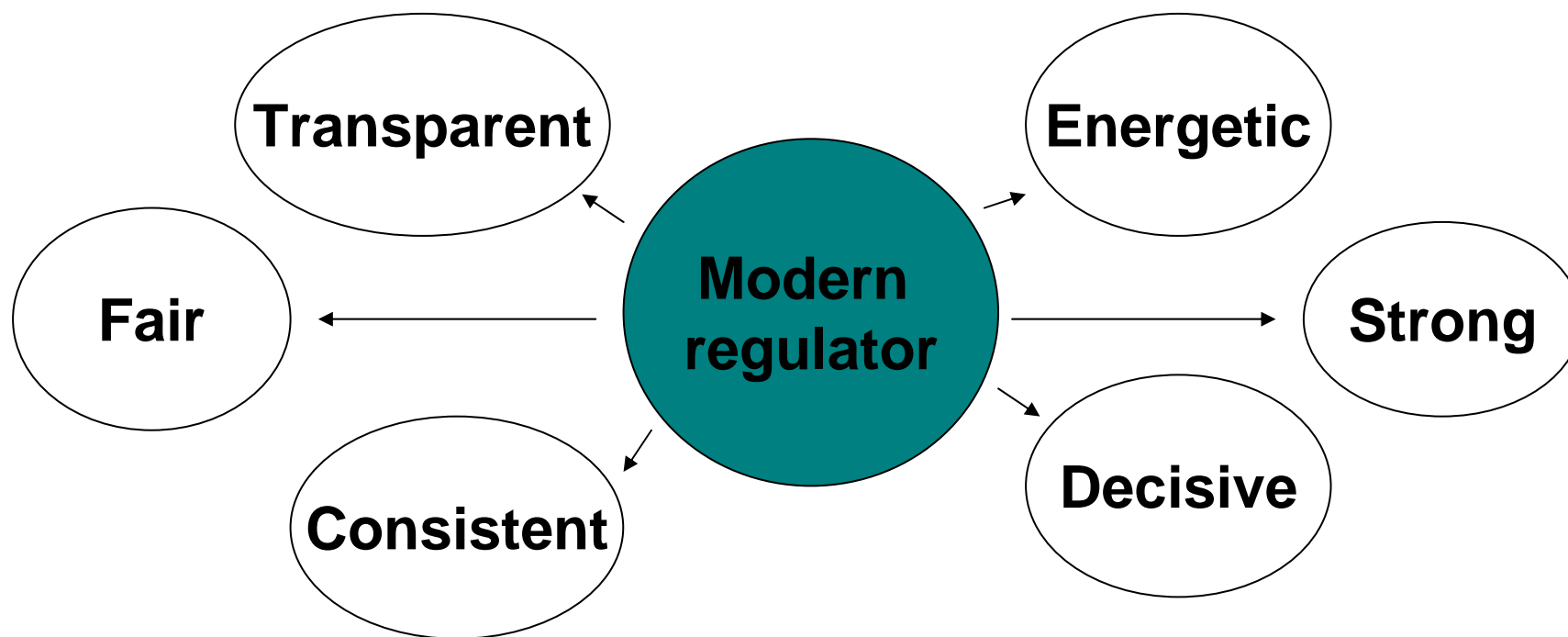
How will we measure our performance?

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- We will consult with you
- Our preliminary thinking:
 - Air quality, water quality, noise surveying
 - Litter reports, pollution reports, major incidents
 - Client satisfaction
 - Community satisfaction
 - Community attitudes
 - Waste to landfill
 - Industry resource consumption

How will this be demonstrated?

- Through the qualities of a modern regulator:



- Remaining relevant, credible and accountable to the community

A Modern Regulator

- EPA will be a more energetic, transparent & accountable regulator, judging its performance on Victorians aspirations for their environmental quality and the environmental outcomes we collectively achieve.
- This will be done through: informing, consulting, involving, collaborating and empowering
- We will measure and report our performance publicly

