

Process for the Administration of Exemption Requests

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The Legislation

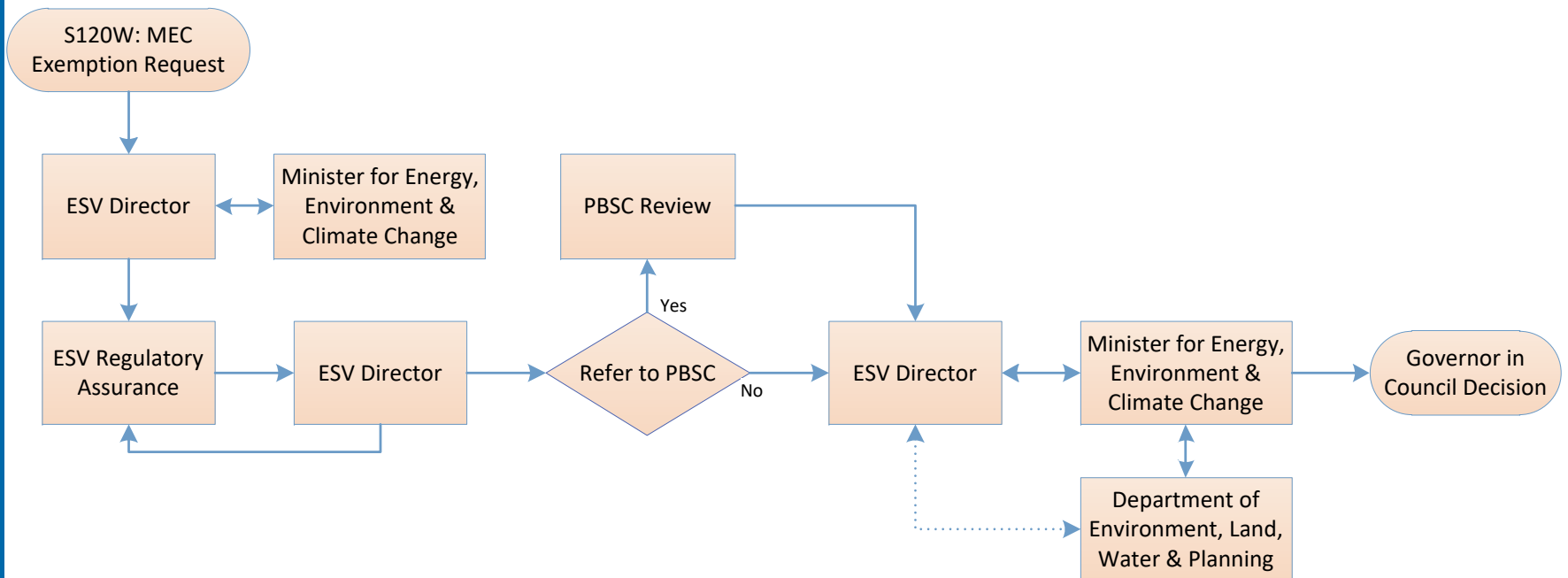
- ▶ Electricity Safety Amendment (Bushfire Mitigation Civil Penalties Scheme) Act 2017
 - ▶ Civil penalties for non-compliance of duties
- ▶ Electricity Safety (Bushfire Mitigation) Regulations 2013 amended 1 May 2016
 - ▶ All polyphase electric lines from certain zone substations to implement REFCL technology to a *required capacity*
 - ▶ Cover / Underground certain electric lines
 - ▶ Installation of ACRs on SWER lines

Forms of Exemptions / Requests

- ▶ ESV expects MEC applications to:
 - ▶ Change Delivery Scope – Civil / Duties Exemption
 - ▶ Electricity Safety (Bushfire Mitigation Duties) Regulations 2017
 - ▶ Change Delivery Timeline – BFM Exemption
 - ▶ Electricity Safety (Bushfire Mitigation) Regulations 2013

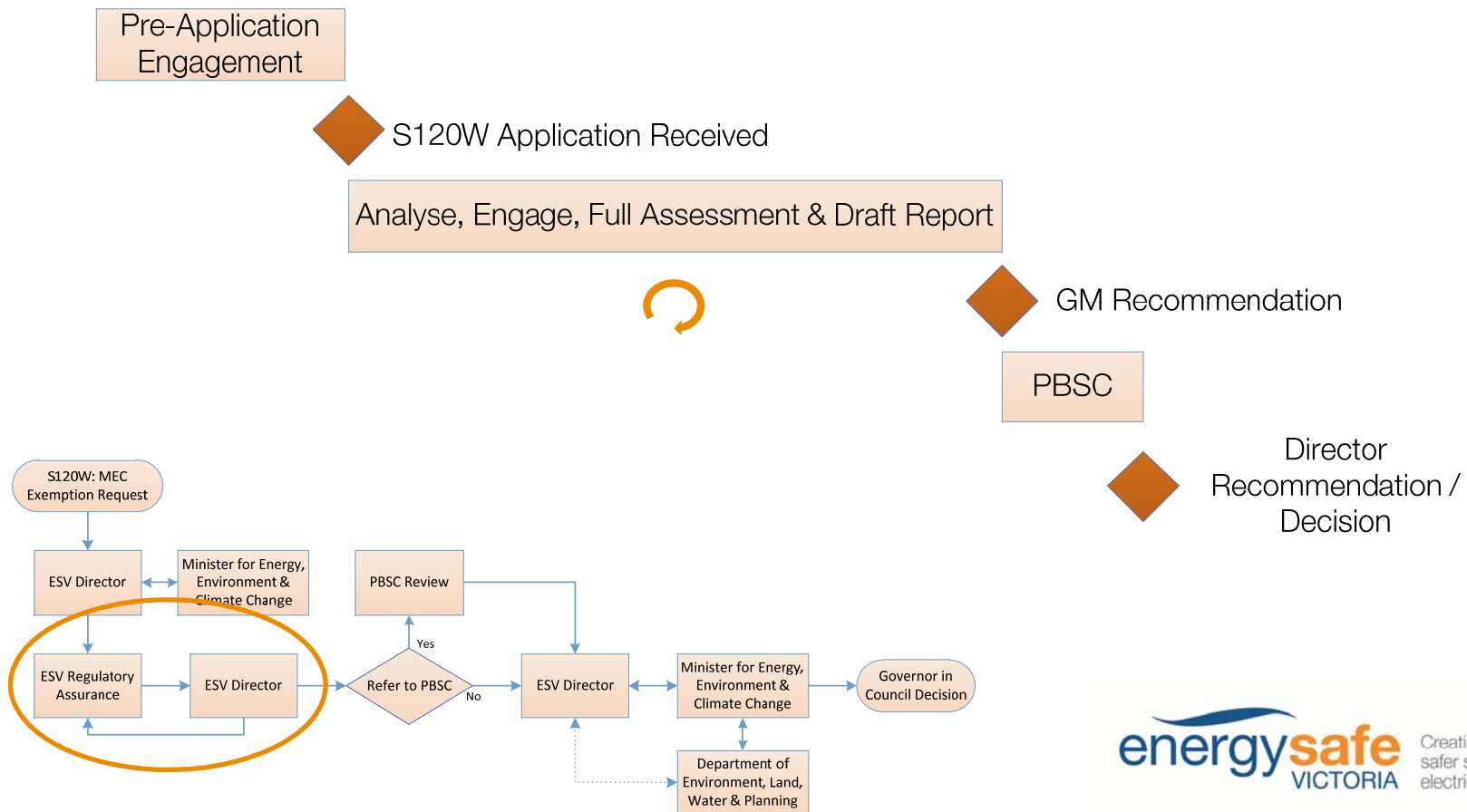
Flowchart: Civil / Duties Exemption

- Scope change exemption application from deviating from BFM Duties Regulation 2017 requirements.



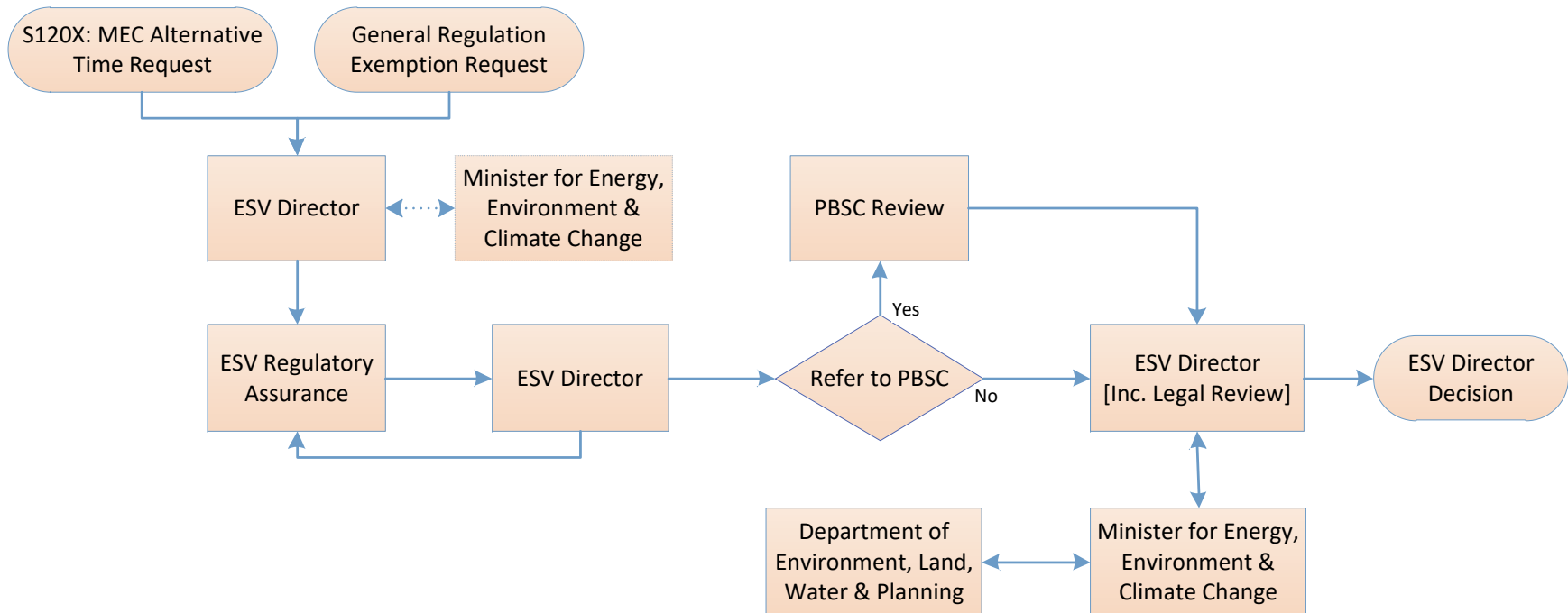
Timeframe Expectations

- ESV Regulatory Assurance expected process



Flowchart: Regulation Exemption

- Alternative time request or exemption application from deviating from BFM Regulation 2013 requirements



- S120W Exemption required if requesting 7(1)(ha), 7(1)(hb), 7(1)(hc) or 7(1)(hd)

Exemption Examples

- Exclusion of REFCL coverage
 - 7(1)(ha) & (hb) – Exempt all polyphase electric lines that are underground or overhead insulated
 - S120W Exemption Application is required
- Expected exemption application(s)
 - S120W exemption application for specific polyphase electric lines downstream of Isolation Transformer to HV customer premise(s)

Principles for Exemptions

- Risk demonstrated to be equivalent or reduced compared to strict compliance
 - ESV will be informed by the Risk Reduction Model
- Safety outcome must be maintained or enhanced compared to strict compliance
- Application specifics (no blanket exemptions)
 - Zone substation and feeders highest level
 - Design philosophy to be applied
 - Specific technologies to be deployed