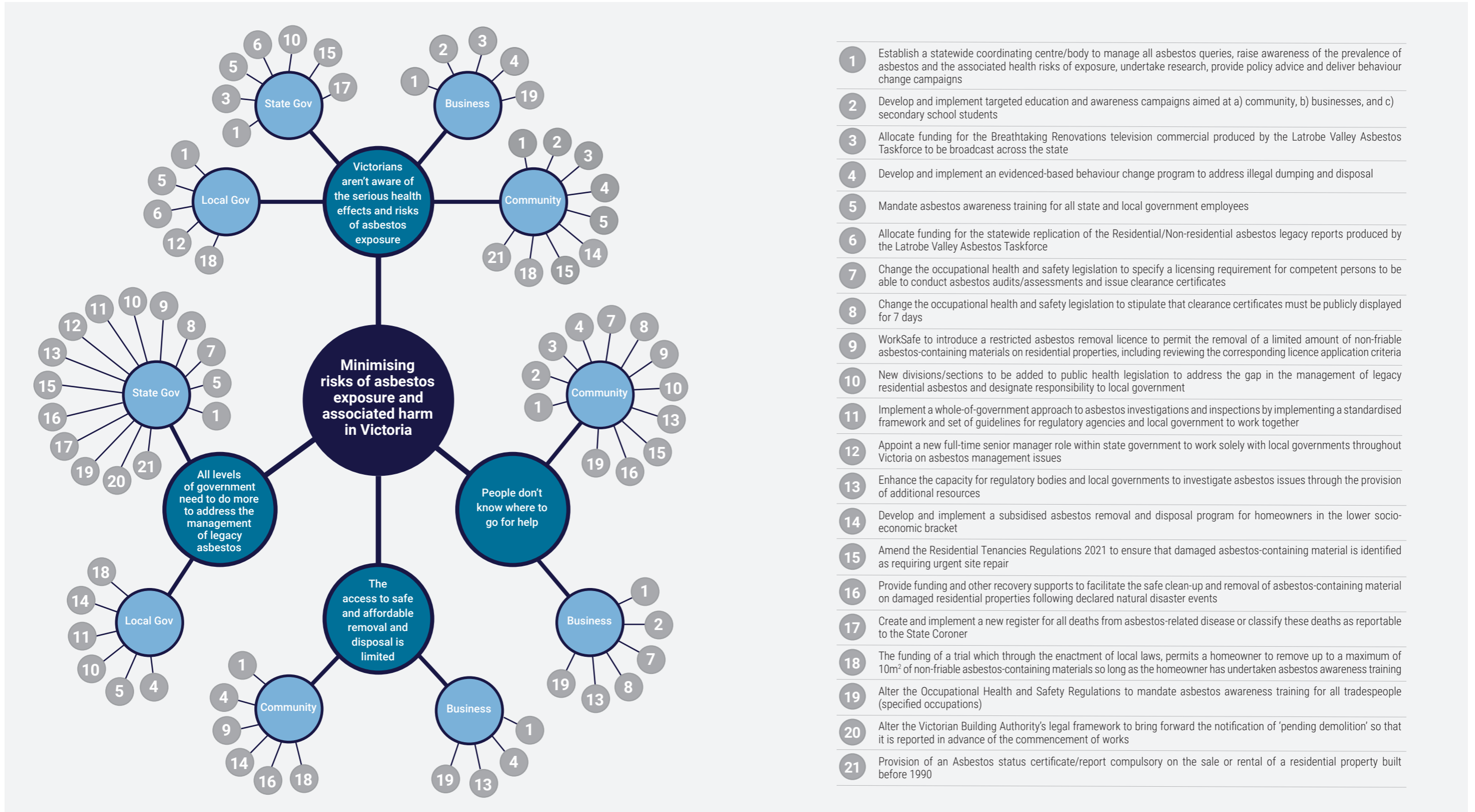


Figure 2. Mapping of the Recommendations to each of the identified themes that will minimise the risks of asbestos exposure and associated harm in Victoria.



- 1 Establish a statewide coordinating centre/body to manage all asbestos queries, raise awareness of the prevalence of asbestos and the associated health risks of exposure, undertake research, provide policy advice and deliver behaviour change campaigns
- 2 Develop and implement targeted education and awareness campaigns aimed at a) community, b) businesses, and c) secondary school students
- 3 Allocate funding for the Breathtaking Renovations television commercial produced by the Latrobe Valley Asbestos Taskforce to be broadcast across the state
- 4 Develop and implement an evidenced-based behaviour change program to address illegal dumping and disposal
- 5 Mandate asbestos awareness training for all state and local government employees
- 6 Allocate funding for the statewide replication of the Residential/Non-residential asbestos legacy reports produced by the Latrobe Valley Asbestos Taskforce
- 7 Change the occupational health and safety legislation to specify a licensing requirement for competent persons to be able to conduct asbestos audits/assessments and issue clearance certificates
- 8 Change the occupational health and safety legislation to stipulate that clearance certificates must be publicly displayed for 7 days
- 9 WorkSafe to introduce a restricted asbestos removal licence to permit the removal of a limited amount of non-friable asbestos-containing materials on residential properties, including reviewing the corresponding licence application criteria
- 10 New divisions/sections to be added to public health legislation to address the gap in the management of legacy residential asbestos and designate responsibility to local government
- 11 Implement a whole-of-government approach to asbestos investigations and inspections by implementing a standardised framework and set of guidelines for regulatory agencies and local government to work together
- 12 Appoint a new full-time senior manager role within state government to work solely with local governments throughout Victoria on asbestos management issues
- 13 Enhance the capacity for regulatory bodies and local governments to investigate asbestos issues through the provision of additional resources
- 14 Develop and implement a subsidised asbestos removal and disposal program for homeowners in the lower socio-economic bracket
- 15 Amend the Residential Tenancies Regulations 2021 to ensure that damaged asbestos-containing material is identified as requiring urgent site repair
- 16 Provide funding and other recovery supports to facilitate the safe clean-up and removal of asbestos-containing material on damaged residential properties following declared natural disaster events
- 17 Create and implement a new register for all deaths from asbestos-related disease or classify these deaths as reportable to the State Coroner
- 18 The funding of a trial which through the enactment of local laws, permits a homeowner to remove up to a maximum of 10m² of non-friable asbestos-containing materials so long as the homeowner has undertaken asbestos awareness training
- 19 Alter the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations to mandate asbestos awareness training for all tradespeople (specified occupations)
- 20 Alter the Victorian Building Authority's legal framework to bring forward the notification of 'pending demolition' so that it is reported in advance of the commencement of works
- 21 Provision of an Asbestos status certificate/report compulsory on the sale or rental of a residential property built before 1990