

NEW FRONTIERS FOR PROSPERITY AND PROTECTION

CLIVE GRACE
Chair of LBRO

LBRO
Better Local Regulation



BETTER REGULATION

-supports both prosperity and protection....
-in recession and in times of increased unemployment.....
-it is a modest contribution....but a vital one.

PROSPERITY AND PROTECTION

- Mutually supportive not mutually exclusive
- Quality of Life and Quality of Markets
- Win-win not a see-saw
- Not always, but more than is often thought...
- A new relationship, and a new culture
- Themes of co-responsibility, a duty to ensure compliance, and principles of better regulation....

IMPORTANCE OF CULTURE CHANGE

- LBRO created by Government to address culture change in local authorities....
-also a wider theme....
-key objective for Australian regulatory reform....
-and Mexico's
- Culture change at local and at national level
-but what does it mean in practice?

THE COMPONENTS OF CULTURE CHANGE

- **Principles**
- **Practices**
- Processes
- Programmes
- Behaviours
- Attitudes
- **Relationships**

PRINCIPLES

- Better Regulation:
 - Consistent
 - Proportionate
 - Transparent
 - Accountable
 - Targeted
- Do we need a 6th?
 - Empowering?

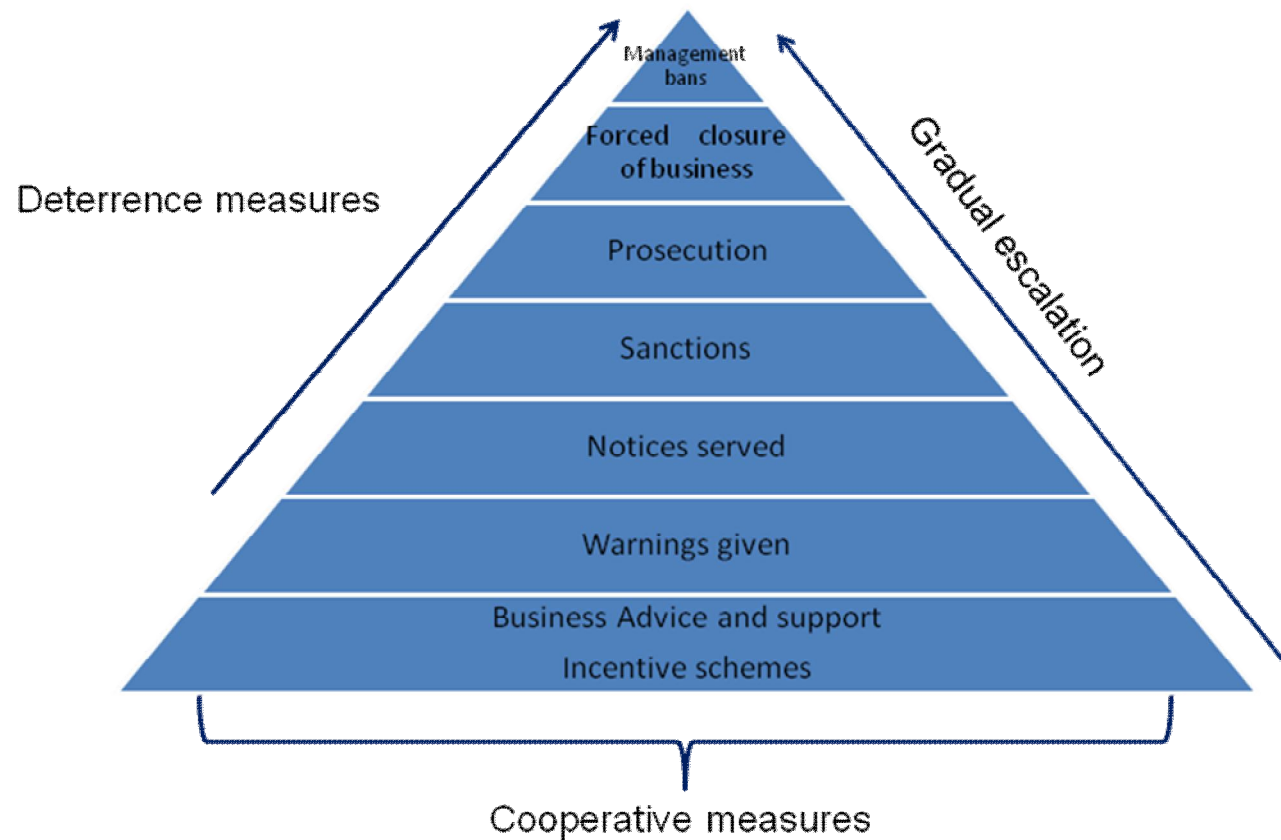
PRACTICES

- Primary Authority
 - Consistency
 - Avoid unnecessary enforcement action
- Much more than that
- Delivering assured advice to compliant business
- The Anderson agenda
- Saving business expense, increasing confidence, and reducing regulatory burden and friction
- Primary authority is not going away....it is here to

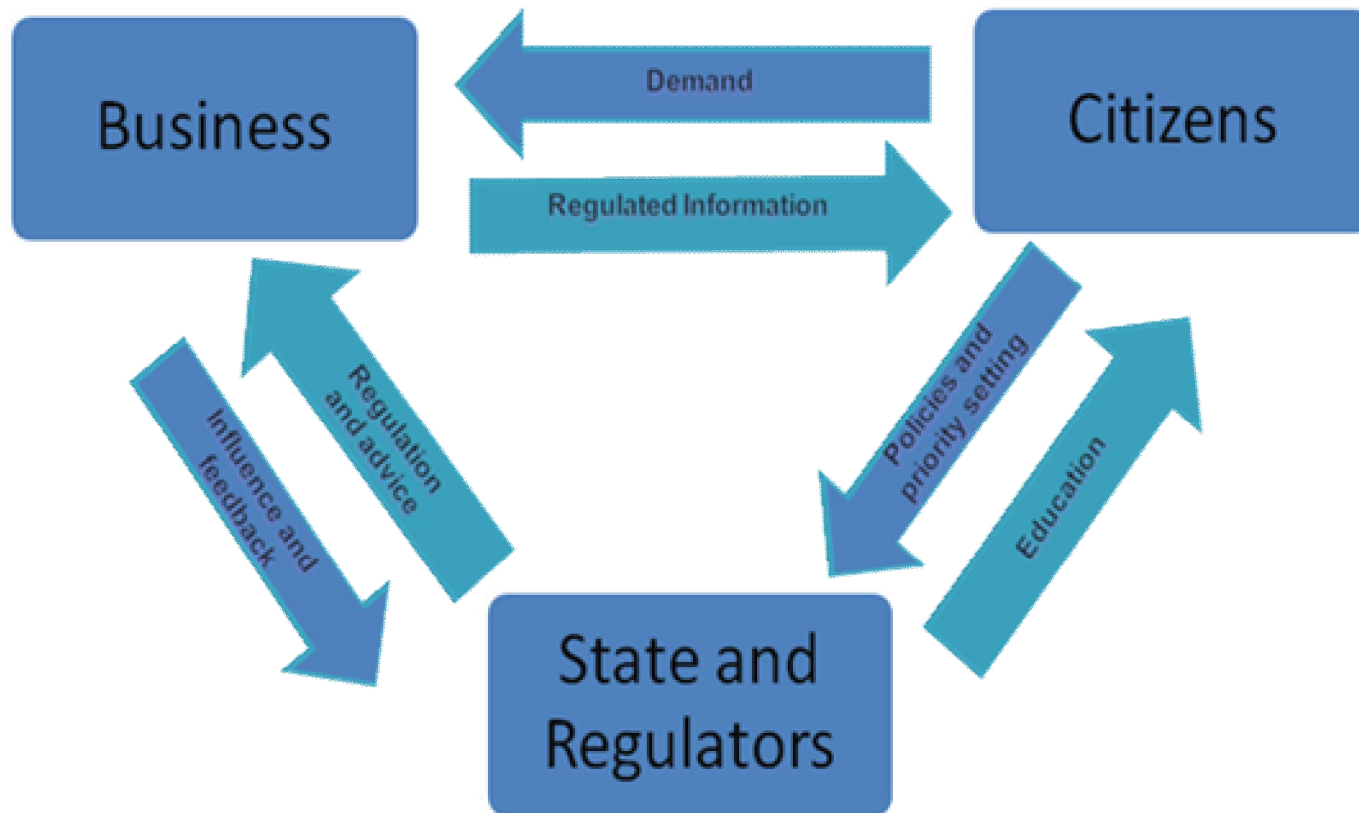
A NEW RELATIONSHIP?

- Regulating to secure compliance not enforce non compliance. CBI view
- Sharing responsibility for delivering the desired outcomes - this sharing, or 'co-responsibility', is based around each party having legitimate responsibilities and expectations from the regulatory relationship.
- Co-production – “means by which regulated entities and the intended beneficiaries of regulation contribute alongside the regulator to produce better regulatory compliance and

REGULATORY TOOLS – CONVENTIONAL PICTURE



CO-RESPONSIBILITY



SO WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

Regulators

Business

Consumers

REGULATORS' RESPONSIBILITY

- Issue reliable and accessible advice
- Be aware of business drivers
- Keep regulatory burdens to a minimum
- Provide citizens with information and tools to protect themselves
- Protect citizens from non compliant business activity when they cannot protect themselves.

BUSINESSES' RESPONSIBILITY

- Comply with sensible and proportionate regulation
- Work alongside regulators to deliver mutual regulatory outcomes
- Provide citizens with helpful and clear information so that they can make informed choices about value for money
- Influence the direction of policy by giving feedback on issues/problems

CITIZEN RESPONSIBILITY

- Assist in regulatory priority setting
- Help regulators identify community problems and concerns
- Make good use of regulated information to make informed choices and ensure that their behaviour helps drive positive outcomes
- Use their purchasing power to support legitimate business.

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