

Melbourne 2030

planning for sustainable growth



Implementation Plan 5

Green Wedges

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The implementation plans explained

Six draft Implementation Plans support *Melbourne 2030 – planning for sustainable growth*.

The plans cover these topics:

- urban growth boundary
- growth areas
- housing
- activity centres
- green wedges
- integrated transport

An advisory note on implementation of *Melbourne 2030* in the planning system from the date of release will be separately available.

The draft Implementation Plans have been developed to build on sections of *Melbourne 2030* where new or different actions are proposed and to provide further detail on some – but not all – of its initiatives. Despite the 30-year time frame for *Melbourne 2030*, many of its most important initiatives will need to be introduced in the next five years.

The draft Implementation Plans aim to provide local government, the planning profession, the development industry and interested members of the community with guidance and additional information. Presently draft documents, they will serve as a basis for dialogue over the consultation period. When finalised, they will be a springboard for action.

Each plan brings together the policies and initiatives from *Melbourne 2030* relevant to its particular topic, and outlines a preferred approach to implementing them.

Each plan also reinforces the new approach proposed by *Melbourne 2030*. This far-reaching document examines urban management issues in metropolitan Melbourne and its surrounding region, and explores the ways in which the new urban fabric will be laid down for future generations.

You are urged to refer to *Melbourne 2030* as the context for the draft Implementation Plans. Of general relevance to the topic of green wedges include:

- managing metropolitan outward growth
- directing growth to areas best able to be supplied with infrastructure and services
- safeguarding valuable features in rural areas.

These draft Implementation Plans do not cover all actions proposed in *Melbourne 2030*. Additional implementation plans will be developed as the need arises.

Melbourne 2030 in summary

Melbourne 2030 is a strategic plan prepared to manage growth and change across metropolitan Melbourne and its surrounding region.

Its prime focus is the area covered by the 31 Melbourne metropolitan municipal councils (including the nine 'interface councils' which cover both urban and rural areas at the fringes of metropolitan Melbourne). It also raises important issues that affect local councils outside the metropolitan area, particularly those astride the regional transport corridors between metropolitan Melbourne and the closest regional cities within current and potential commuting range.

In establishing and articulating a long-term vision for metropolitan Melbourne, built up from many contributions across the community, *Melbourne 2030* provides a framework for governments at all levels to respond to the diverse needs of those who live and work in and near Melbourne, and who visit it.

The substance of *Melbourne 2030* is contained in nine 'directions' that embody the Government's aims of sustainability and of providing a better future for all. They are:

- a more compact city
- better management of metropolitan growth
- networks with the regional cities
- a more prosperous city
- a great place to be
- a fairer city
- a greener city
- better transport links
- better planning decisions, careful management.

Each of these directions is supported by specific policies that will be incorporated into the planning system. The policies will be implemented through a range of initiatives undertaken through joint action by local government, the Government and the wider community.

As *Melbourne 2030* is a statement of government policy intent only, some of the initiatives will be subject to the availability of budget funding. That is, such initiatives will need to await assessment and prioritisation through normal State budget processes in future periods. It is not intended that all initiatives should begin at once, nor that all should be completed within the five-year time frame. Many will lead to follow-on work. Others may change or be reviewed over the 30-year life of *Melbourne 2030*.

Vision

In the next 30 years Melbourne will grow by up to one million people and will consolidate its reputation as one of the most liveable, attractive and prosperous areas in the world for residents, business and visitors.