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**INTRODUCTION**

The Bayside Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) sets out Council's strategic planning objectives and underpins the land-use and development provisions of the Bayside Planning Scheme. Together with local planning policies, the MSS is part of the Local Planning Policy Framework (LPPF) in the Planning Scheme and is a statutory component of all planning schemes.

Members of the community, Councillors, professional staff and the development community must take the directions established in the MSS and the LPPF into account when preparing or considering planning scheme amendments and planning permit applications.

The MSS and LPPF must be read in conjunction with the State Planning Policy Framework (SPPF) which provides the overarching strategic policy framework.

The Municipal Strategic Statement is consistent with the Council Plan.