TRANSPORT

This clause provides local content to support Clause 18 (Transport) of the State Planning Policy Framework.

Specific references to individual towns are also included in Clause 21.11 (Local Areas).

Road network

The planning of freeways and highways, and the planning and control of land use and development in the areas through which they pass should be coordinated and integrated. Planning measures to control land use and development can materially assist the efficient performance of freeways and can protect the appearance of areas through which they pass. The Goulburn Valley Highway and Hume Freeway are the principal roads linking State capital cities, and use and development should take full account of these National Highways when development occurs in their vicinity.

In addition, the local and main road networks are vital to the ongoing development of the Shire and require that careful consideration be given to access and construction standards.

Key issues

- Enhancing the performance of the road network.
- Protecting and maintaining existing road infrastructure, particularly in light of increased traffic loads.

Objective 1

To ensure that the improvement and upgrading of transport infrastructure is commensurate with the expected impacts of use and development.

Strategies

- Ensure that proposed use and development does not restrict existing road access.
- Ensure that all new use and development are provided with safe and efficient two way vehicular access.
- Address capacity, safety and conflict issues particularly on the Northern Highway through Wallan and Kilmore.
- Support enhancements to the primary arterial road network.
- Ensure that all roads that service residential development are fully constructed.
- Encourage off-road infrastructure in the form of footpaths and shared paths to improve links to transport, activity centres, schools etc.

Objective 2

To ensure that the use and development of land does not prejudice the levels of service, safety and amenity of the Hume Freeway and Goulburn Valley Highway.

Strategies

- Minimise any adverse noise effects from traffic using the Hume Freeway and Goulburn Valley Highway.

Policy guidelines

Decision guidelines

When deciding on an application for use and development, the following matters relating to road construction and access will be considered, as appropriate:

- The need for all-weather road access and egress to the site.
- Road alignment and safety of road users.
- The condition of all infrastructure, including road surface and the likely impacts that the use and development of land will have on such infrastructure.
- The impacts that may occur due to the proposed use and development of land.
- The design and alignment of the road, its surface and the likely affects that new use and development may have on the future surface and condition of the road.