

21.10 INFRASTRUCTURE

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This clause provides local content to support Clause 19 (Infrastructure) of the State Planning Policy Framework.

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

21.10-1 Community facilities

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The provision of community facilities to serve existing and emerging residential communities is a basic task of government, including local government. The services provided by such facilities are crucial to the balanced and healthy development of a local community.

Key issues

- Improving the health and well being of the community.

Objective 1

To provide appropriate community infrastructure.

Strategies

Support hubs of integrated community services in the regional centres and larger towns.

- Support expansion of the range and depth of educational facilities and services in response to growth and the needs of the community at all stages in its lifecycle.
- Develop and maintain community facilities that are multifunctional and accessible to the community in terms of cost, location, administration and design.
- Support appropriate entertainment, recreation and community facilities that are compatible with the needs, character and socio-economic profile of the local area.

Objective 2

To improve access to community infrastructure.

Strategies

- Ensure walking and cycling infrastructure is incorporated into the design and development of new neighbourhoods linking to activity centres and other commercial, community, transport and education facilities.
- Support convenient access across the network of settlements to a greater range of health, educational, social and recreational facilities and services.
- Support the competitive advantage of the rail connections throughout the Shire.
- Ensure that open space provisions meets community needs for active and passive recreation.
- Support the provision of a high quality wireless and/or fibre network into emerging new communities.

21.10-2 Development infrastructure

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Development without adequate physical infrastructure can cause adverse impacts on the environment. Council seeks to ensure that the impacts of effluent disposal are managed by appropriate performance standards and requirements for new developments and that water quality is monitored.

The largely rural nature of Mitchell makes the need to maintain water quality and flow patterns more important than may be required in more urbanised areas as the natural waterways are likely to be more susceptible to changes in flow characteristics. Limiting the areas of developed land that discharge to a waterway without passing through a WSUD asset can assist greatly in protecting the form of existing waterways and the quality of water.

Waste management will be marketed and practiced in a manner that demonstrates best practice in achieving the aims of zero waste. As far as practicable the Shire will be a leader in the reuse of wastewater especially in the growth area.

Key issues

- Ensuring adequate physical infrastructure to address past shortcomings and to plan for future development needs.

Objective 1

To ensure adequate physical infrastructure for future development needs.

Strategies

- Ensure the equitable provision of physical and community infrastructure.
- Ensure the timely delivery of infrastructure and services through effective town structure planning.
- Ensure that all forms of residential development, including rural residential development, are connected to reticulated water, sewerage, power and stormwater facilities.