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#### Objective

To promote the sustainable growth and development of Victoria and deliver choice and opportunity for all Victorians through a network of settlements.

#### Strategies

Focus investment and growth in places of state significance, including the following locations:

- Metropolitan Melbourne Central City
- National Employment and Innovation Clusters.
- Metropolitan Activity Centres.
- State-Significant Industrial Precincts.
- Transport Gateways.
- Health and Education Precincts.
- Major Urban-Renewal Precincts.
- The major regional cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Horsham, Latrobe City, Mildura, Shepparton, Wangaratta, Warrnambool and Wodonga.

Support sustainable development of the regional centres of Ararat, Bacchus Marsh, Bairnsdale, Benalla, Castlemaine, Colac, Echuca, Gisborne, Hamilton, Kyneton, Leongatha, Maryborough, Portland, Sale, Swan Hill, Warragul/Drouin and Wonthaggi.

Support Melbourne's Metropolitan Activity Centres through a network of major and neighbourhood activity centres of varying size, role and function.

Ensure regions and their settlements are planned in accordance with any relevant regional growth plan.

Guide the structure, functioning and character of each settlement taking into account municipal and regional contexts and frameworks.

Provide for growth in population and development of facilities and services across a region or sub-region network.

Promote transport and communications and economic linkages between the various settlements through the identification of servicing priorities in regional land use plans.

Strengthen transport links on national networks for the movement of commodities.

Deliver networks of high-quality settlements by:

- Building on strengths and capabilities of each region across Victoria to respond sustainably to population growth and changing environments.
- Developing networks of settlements that will support resilient communities and the ability to adapt and change.
- Balancing strategic objectives to achieve improved land-use and development outcomes at a regional, catchment and local level.
- Preserving and protecting features of rural land and natural resources and features to enhance their contribution to settlements and landscapes.
- Encouraging an integrated planning response between settlements within regions and in adjoining regions and states in accordance with the relevant regional growth plan.

- Providing for appropriately located supplies of residential, commercial, and industrial land across a region, sufficient to meet community needs in accordance with the relevant regional growth plan.
- Improving transport network connections within and between regional cities, towns and Melbourne.

### **Policy guidelines**

Planning must consider as relevant:

- *Central Highlands Regional Growth Plan* (Victorian Government, 2014).
- *G21 Regional Growth Plan* (Geelong Region Alliance, 2013).
- *Gippsland Regional Growth Plan* (Victorian Government, 2014).
- *Great South Coast Regional Growth Plan* (Victorian Government, 2014).
- *Hume Regional Growth Plan* (Victorian Government, 2014).
- *Loddon Mallee North Regional Growth Plan* (Victorian Government, 2014).
- *Loddon Mallee South Regional Growth Plan* (Victorian Government, 2014).
- *Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Growth Plan* (Victorian Government, 2014).
- *Plan Melbourne 2017-2050: Metropolitan Planning Strategy* (Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, 2017).

