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The City of Wodonga is located on the Murray River in North East Victoria, 300 kilometres from Melbourne on the national highway route. The City of Wodonga covers an area of 434 square kilometres and is situated on the border of Victoria and New South Wales. It is bounded by Towong Shire to the east, Indigo Shire to the south and west and the NSW municipalities of Albury City and Greater Hume Shire to the north. Albury Wodonga functions as a single economic zone, with employment, investment and services accessed across both locations. Albury Wodonga is Australia's 18th largest city, and services a regional catchment of some 180,000 people. As a significant regional city, Wodonga is a regular contributor to the Regional Cities Victoria and Regional Capitals Australia forums.

The municipality of Wodonga includes the main urban centre of Wodonga, as well as the satellite settlements and suburbs of Bandiana, Baranduda, Barnawartha North, Bonegilla, Castle Creek, Ebden, Gateway Island, Huon Creek, Killara, Leneva and Staghorn Flat.

Wodonga has a number of natural assets of National, State and Regional importance including the Murray River, Lake Hume and the hillsides surrounding the City.

The Hume transport corridor is the nation's most important rail and road link. Wodonga's location on the Hume transport corridor, provides a strategic stopover for passengers and a significant freight destination and distribution point.

Wodonga has a diverse economy which provides a resilient and stable employment base for the City. Manufacturing, public administration, safety and healthcare and social assistance are the main employment industries in the municipality.

Wodonga's population is fast approaching 40,000 and is projected to reach almost 55,000 by 2031. Wodonga has a younger population in comparison to the State regional average, with the median age being 35 years.