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SETTLEMENT NETWORK

-  Major growth location
-  Medium to high growth location
-  Significant change location
-  Designated identified growth centre in Plan Melbourne¹
-  Locations identified as 'Regional Cities' in a statewide context

Settlement network


These urban locations continue to form the foundation of the urban settlement network and will build on and strengthen the existing urban network by:

- focusing growth in the regional cities of Shepparton, Wodonga and Wangaratta, and in Benalla.
- supporting strong economic development in Seymour.



These urban locations provide key regional employment centres.

¹Plan Melbourne (Chapter 6 – State of Cities) identifies Broadford, Kilmore and Seymour as peri-urban towns with potential to attract housing and population growth out of Melbourne

OTHER KEY URBAN SETTLEMENTS

-  Cross-border settlements
 - Support growth in these urban locations and lifestyle opportunities
 - Towns included within Melbourne's Urban Growth Boundary
 - Settlements external to the region





URBAN GROWTH AND HINTERLAND INFLUENCE

-  Hinterland influence
 -  Areas within 100 km of central Melbourne (peri-urban influence)
- Growth to be focused in key urban locations while the hinterland and peri-urban influences of Melbourne and larger urban centres in the region (particularly those identified as 'Regional Cities') is managed to achieve an efficient settlement pattern.



CONNECTIVITY

Transport links (road and rail)


Optimise the use of existing transport links and new transport infrastructure.

-  National transport corridor (road and rail)
-  Other major transport link
-  Improved future transport link
-  Freight logistics precinct

Key relationships to Melbourne

-  Areas in the Hume Region within Melbourne's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB)
-  Melbourne metropolitan growth into the Hume Region






ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

-  Strategic agricultural land

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Support continued agricultural production by protecting strategic agricultural land. Support a mix of compatible land uses in rural areas to help develop a more diverse regional economy.

ENVIRONMENT

-  Alpine resort
-  Areas containing high value terrestrial habitat
-  Public land
-  Key water and tourism assets
-  Murray River corridor

Natural assets (including water assets)

Protect and manage environmental assets (including water assets) for their intrinsic value, their cultural values and as key parts of the regional economy. Protect and maintain significant regional landscapes. Opportunities exist to enhance and establish vegetation corridors and connections, building on existing assets such as river corridors and existing native vegetation. Such corridors and the connections they provide are particularly important in those parts of the region which have been extensively cleared for uses such as agriculture and urban settlement.

Murray River corridor

Protect the Murray River corridor as a key environmental (scenic, biodiversity, riverine), cultural and economic asset.