



# Planning Scheme Groupings

Permit activity information is provided in the following groupings of like/comparable planning scheme areas. Traditionally collected into two groups of 32 metropolitan and 50 regional/rural planning schemes, these six distinct groups provide more meaningful 'group' averages for key data reported.

## Metro

### Inner and Middle Urban (IMU)

These regions are highly populated, and are seeing the conversion of vacant land and some shift from industrial land for residential and commercial use, as well as properties of 10 or more dwellings.



**Planning schemes:**

Banyule, Bayside, Boroondara, Darebin, Glen Eira, Hobsons Bay, Kingston, Manningham, Maribyrnong, Melbourne, Monash, Moonee Valley, Moreland, Port of Melbourne, Port Phillip, Stonnington, Whitehorse, Yarra

### Outer Urban (OU)

These suburban regions are moderately populated, with issues relating to transport, industrial development, vegetation management and heritage protection.



**Planning schemes:**

Brimbank, Frankston, Greater Dandenong, Knox, Maroondah, Mornington Peninsula, Nillumbik, Yarra Ranges

### Growth Area (GA)

These areas are the focus of new residential development along with relevant facilities such as commercial districts, schools and other community amenities and services.



**Planning schemes:**

Cardinia, Casey, Hume, Melton, Whittlesea, Wyndham



## Rural

### PeriUrban (PU)

On the rural/urban fringe, these regions are seeing increases in subdivision of land, primarily for residential purposes.



**Planning schemes:**

Bass Coast, BawBaw, Colac Otway, Golden Plains, Macedon Ranges, Mitchell, Moorabool, Murrindindi, South Gippsland, Surf Coast

### Regional Cities (RC)

These regions are rural hubs, providing administrative and commercial services for the surrounding communities, and are the focus of increased residential development.



**Planning schemes:**

Ballarat, Greater Bendigo, Greater Geelong, Greater Shepparton, Horsham, Latrobe, Mildura, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, Wodonga

### Small and Medium Regionals (SMR)

Agriculture and/or tourism form the primary focus of these areas, while manufacturing and resource production and refinement are also important industries.



**Planning schemes:**

Alpine, Alpine Resorts, Ararat, Benalla, Buloke, Campaspe, Central Goldfields, Corangamite, East Gippsland, French and Sandstone islands, Gannawarra, Glenelg, Hepburn, Hindmarsh, Indigo, Loddon, Mount Alexander, Mansfield, Moira, Moyne, Northern Grampians, Pyrenees, Queenscliffe, Southern Grampians, Strathbogie, Swan Hill, Towong, Wellington, West Wimmera, Yarriambiack