Appendix 3
Neighbourhood Principles

The Neighbourhood Principles included within Melbourne 2030 aim to create more liveable neighbourhoods that
demonstrate the following characteristics:

• an urban structure where networks of neighbourhoods
  are clustered to support larger activity centres on the
  PPTN

• compact neighbourhoods that are oriented around
  ‘walkable’ distances between activities and where
  neighbourhood centres provide access to services
  and facilities to meet day-to-day needs

• reduced dependence on car use because public transport
  is easy to use, there are safe and attractive spaces for
  walking and cycling, and subdivision layouts allow easy
  movement through and between neighbourhoods

• a range of lot sizes and housing types to satisfy the
  needs and aspirations of different groups of people

• integration of housing, workplaces, shopping,
  recreation, and community services to provide a mix
  and level of activity that attracts people, creates a safe
  environment, stimulates interaction and provides a lively
  community focus

• a range of open spaces to meet a variety of needs,
  with links to open space networks and regional parks
  where possible

• a strong sense of place because neighbourhood
  development emphasises existing cultural heritage
  values, attractive built form and landscape character

• environmentally friendly development that includes
  improved energy efficiency, water conservation, local
  management of stormwater and waste water treatment,
  less waste and reduced air pollution

• protection and enhancement of native habitat and
  discouragement of the spread and planting of noxious
  weeds.
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