As Gippsland’s regional city, Latrobe City will accommodate urban growth and be the focal point for high order regional infrastructure and service investment. Growth will be planned to achieve greater integration across the four centres of Traralgon, Morwell, Moe and Churchill to support them functioning as a single urban system.

Planning for urban growth
Implementation of growth frameworks has provided land for residential development across the city to meet short-term and medium-term needs. Further planning work is underway to determine development requirements including infrastructure provision, transport access and amenity and landscape considerations. Considerations for any future urban expansion include managing the interface with coal buffer areas as well as flood and bushfire hazards. A strategy will be developed to advance the growth of Latrobe City as a single urban system.

Growth opportunities in business, manufacturing and services
The commercial and manufacturing sectors, together with the university campus at Churchill provoke skills and research capacity to expand economic opportunities based on the region’s energy resources. Strategies to improve the city’s commercial centres will support greater attraction of technical and professional services, providing more diverse employment opportunities for the city and the wider region.

Transport networks
The city is located along the Princes Highway road and rail corridor and is connected to the southern part of the region via the Strzelecki Highway. The Gippsland Logistics Precinct has been identified to facilitate freight movement through export gateways from the region. Latrobe Regional Airport is a key asset providing access to air services.

Note: Further detailed investigation and planning for growth should consider natural hazards (including bushfire, flooding and erosion), environmental assets (including water and assets identified in regional catchment strategies), cultural heritage assets (including Aboriginal and Historic heritage) and natural resources (including Extractive Industry Interest Areas, other mapped earth resources and timber plantations).