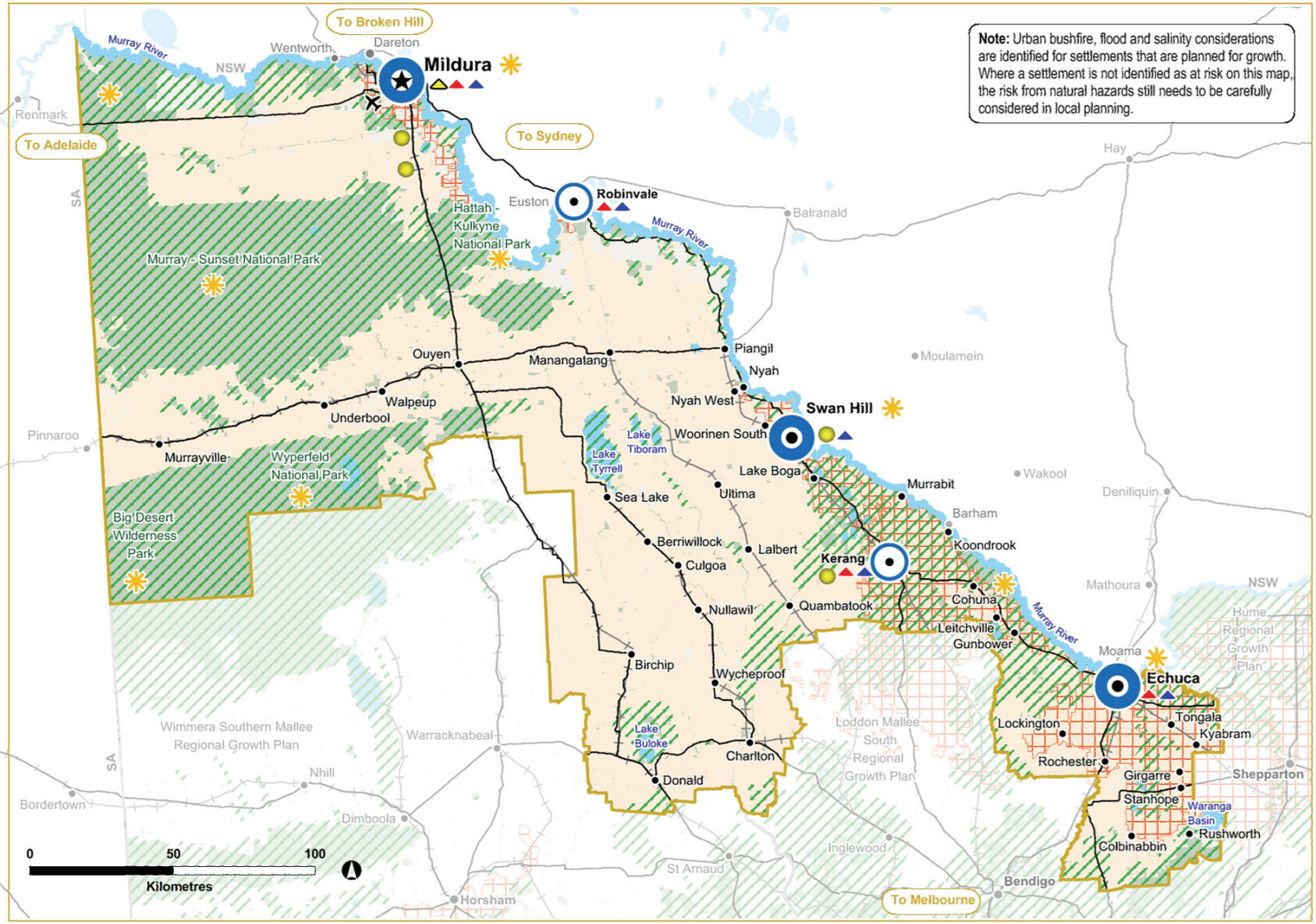
Map 12: Regional growth plan



Note: Urban bushfire, flood and salinity considerations are identified for settlements that are planned for growth. Where a settlement is not identified as at risk on this map, the risk from natural hazards still needs to be carefully considered in local planning.

SETTLEMENT NETWORK

Regional city
Has the highest level of population, services and employment in the region, including major retailing, hospitals, universities and transport interchanges, and has all utility services provided. It also services extensive communities of interest.

Regional centre
Large diverse population with significant retail and employment bases that service extensive communities of interest. It has access to hospitals, education, arts and cultural facilities with well-defined commercial and industrial precincts.

Town
Has access to a variety of services and facilities including schools and retail. The roles and functions of settlements are diverse, but economic and social viability is important to service local communities. Some are also popular tourist locations that can experience seasonal rises in population.

Support growth

Promote growth
Target and proactively encourage and facilitate growth, development and investment.

Support growth
Manage medium scale growth, development and investment.

ECONOMIC

Significant tourist area - includes some significant cultural heritage places and landscapes

Solar generation facility

Irrigation district

Cropping, grazing and/or mixed farming

CONNECTIVITY

Highway

Active railway line

Airport

ENVIRONMENT

Areas containing high value terrestrial habitat

Public land

Lakes

Rivers

Urban flood considerations(1)

Urban bushfire considerations(2)

Urban salinity considerations(1)

SETTLEMENT NETWORK

These urban locations continue to form the foundation of the urban settlement network. Build and strengthen the existing urban network by focusing growth in Mildura, Swan Hill, Echuca and Kerang. Support smaller localities to make them more resilient and adaptable.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Support increasing economic diversity through investigating opportunities in agriculture, alternate energy sources, extractive industries and tourism and support compatible land uses associated with these industries.

ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE

Protect and manage environmental and heritage assets (including water assets) for their intrinsic value, cultural values and as key parts of the regional economy - in particular the Murray River corridor.

CONNECTIVITY

Optimise the use of existing transport networks and support new transport infrastructure to provide access across the borders and for passengers and freight.

(1) Urban flood and salinity considerations are based on existing overlays
(2) Bushfire considerations may be based on one or more of the following: existing overlays, advice from CFA or Regional Bushfire Planning Assessments. Does not include Bushfire Prone Areas.

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