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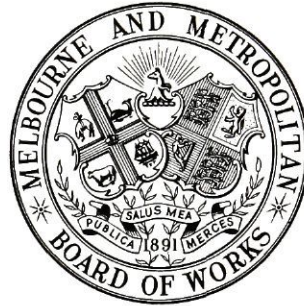


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## Introduction

This Report, which has been produced after a tremendous amount of research and investigation over the last few years, is probably one of the most important Reports for the future of the Melbourne Region since the publication in 1929 of the Report of the Metropolitan Town Planning Commission.

The Report sets out a long term policy for development and conservation and concludes with a Statement of Planning Policy prepared at the request of the Government which, if adopted, would set a framework within which future planning of the Region could proceed. Within this framework two planning schemes have been prepared, which together extend the present planning scheme to cover the whole of the Metropolitan Region and indicate a way in which the Statement of Planning Policy could be implemented.

It is pointed out that neither the Statement of Planning Policy nor the Planning Schemes are final until after approval by the Governor-in-Council.

As a number of new proposals are put forward in an endeavour to implement the Government policy of a system of corridor growth and to achieve greater protection of environmental aspects, the Board is looking to the public for suggestions to improve or alter the proposals.

Although the Planning Schemes are required to be on statutory exhibition for three months, the Board proposes to

receive and consider all suggestions for alterations or improvements to the proposals not only during the Objection period but during the course of examining the proposals as well.

During this time, it is intended to stimulate public dialogue with interested organisations and individuals by inviting their participation in seminars, one of which will deal with the plan as a whole which would embrace the concept of growth corridors and how they will work in practice and other seminars dealing with special aspects such as the future of the Central Business District and the future of the Yarra Valley.

Any plan reflects the interest and inputs of people and will only be as good as the number of people who take an active part by contributing to the ultimate decision.

The published plans are a first step towards making the most efficient and compatible use of the land available, channelling urban development into growth corridors within easy reach of open areas, making the best use of our existing systems, conserving our resources, preserving areas for the future and developing in a way to minimise future community costs.

Blending of the thoughts of the public with those of the planners can help attain the desired effect—a plan to meet the community need which will give the maximum result with minimum of interference.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Alan H. Croxford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, sweeping 'A' and a distinct 'H'.

(Alan H. Croxford)  
Chairman  
on behalf of the Board



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