Gippsland

Network capacity and efficiency
Existing infrastructure such as the Princes Highway and the Gippsland and Dandenong rail corridor can be harnessed to meet growth demands for local, regional and interstate movements of goods. Improvements to these road and rail networks will also be used to meet changing travel demands brought about by population growth.

Amenity and useability
Freight and logistics precincts would enable consolidation of freight activities and opportunities to increase the use of rail, road and rail between the Port of Hastings, Latrobe Valley and other intrastate and interstate freight and logistics precincts will support future industrial and natural resource-based export opportunities.

Amenity and useability
Gippsland is serviced by a number of small regional ports and airports supporting industry and tourism. Safeguarding these and other existing infrastructure will be crucial into the future.

Access and connectivity
Transport will need to be responsive to industry needs for freight commodities such as agriculture.

Supply chains
A strategic approach to local road management for freight transport as a component of the supply chain will be required, particularly in areas with expanding dairy and horticultural industries.

Technological advancements
The rollout of the National Broadband Network will change the way that people manage their work and lives. Transport plans will need to be flexible enough to adapt to changing demand patterns and ensure infrastructure and services fit future demand.

Safe, reliable and resilient network
It is essential that the transport network is well maintained and able to withstand disruption from a variety of sources including natural hazards. The role of settlements and their future growth capacity should be informed by the extent of existing infrastructure and the degree of intra-regional and inter-regional connectivity.

Access and connectivity
Growth will not be experienced in all areas. Maintaining access for smaller communities to education, employment and other facilities will be critical as the demographics change. Future expansion of community transport and taking resources to the people may be required.