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FOREWORD

The 1971 Planning Report relating to the present metropolitan area together with the introduction of new zones had a major influence in the last decade. I am of the opinion that the present Report will be of an equal influence during the 80's.

Planning is evolutionary and a review during the last two years has culminated in the Government adopting an incremental approach for the future growth of Melbourne.

This report sets out measures proposed by the Board to implement the metropolitan strategy endorsed in principle by State Cabinet in 1980.

It explains the range of planning, financial and other actions needed to implement the strategy.

An essential step is an amendment to the Melbourne Metropolitan Planning Scheme (Amendment 150), which has been placed on exhibition for public comment.

Amendment 150 sets out objectives for future development of the metropolitan area and for various aspects of the Metropolitan Planning Scheme, introduces new zones and changes land use control to implement the metropolitan strategy.

Amendment 150 sets the framework for actions by councils, authorities and the public for development throughout the metropolitan area. Councils will have a new and vital role in preparing local development schemes to supplement the Metropolitan Planning Scheme.

Involvement and commitment of the whole community is essential. People should take the opportunity to examine the Board's proposals and comment on them before they become law. Following public review and evaluation, a report will be forwarded to the Minister for Planning which will urge early approval by the Government. It must be appreciated that the new strategy cannot succeed unless the State Government, all instrumentalities and every local municipality take effective measures to ensure that the strategy is in fact implemented.

Implementation of the strategy is an ongoing process and the amendment and supporting measures are a part of this process. The Board will continue to monitor development of the metropolitan area and amend the Metropolitan Planning Scheme as required. If further supporting measures are necessary to better implement the strategy, then these measures will form part of a further amending planning scheme.

The Government has taken steps to ensure co-ordination of government authorities. The Board welcomes this initiative and looks to the further development of integrated action.

The strategy is in line with the Government's "New Direction for the 80's" announced by the Premier on 11 December 1980.

Our city is constantly changing and by planning we can ensure that this change takes place in a manner which better suits the needs and aspirations of its people. The metropolitan strategy meets this challenge and the Board seeks the ideas, involvement and commitment of the whole community to ensure its implementation.



(Alan H Croxford)
CHAIRMAN
on behalf of the Board

