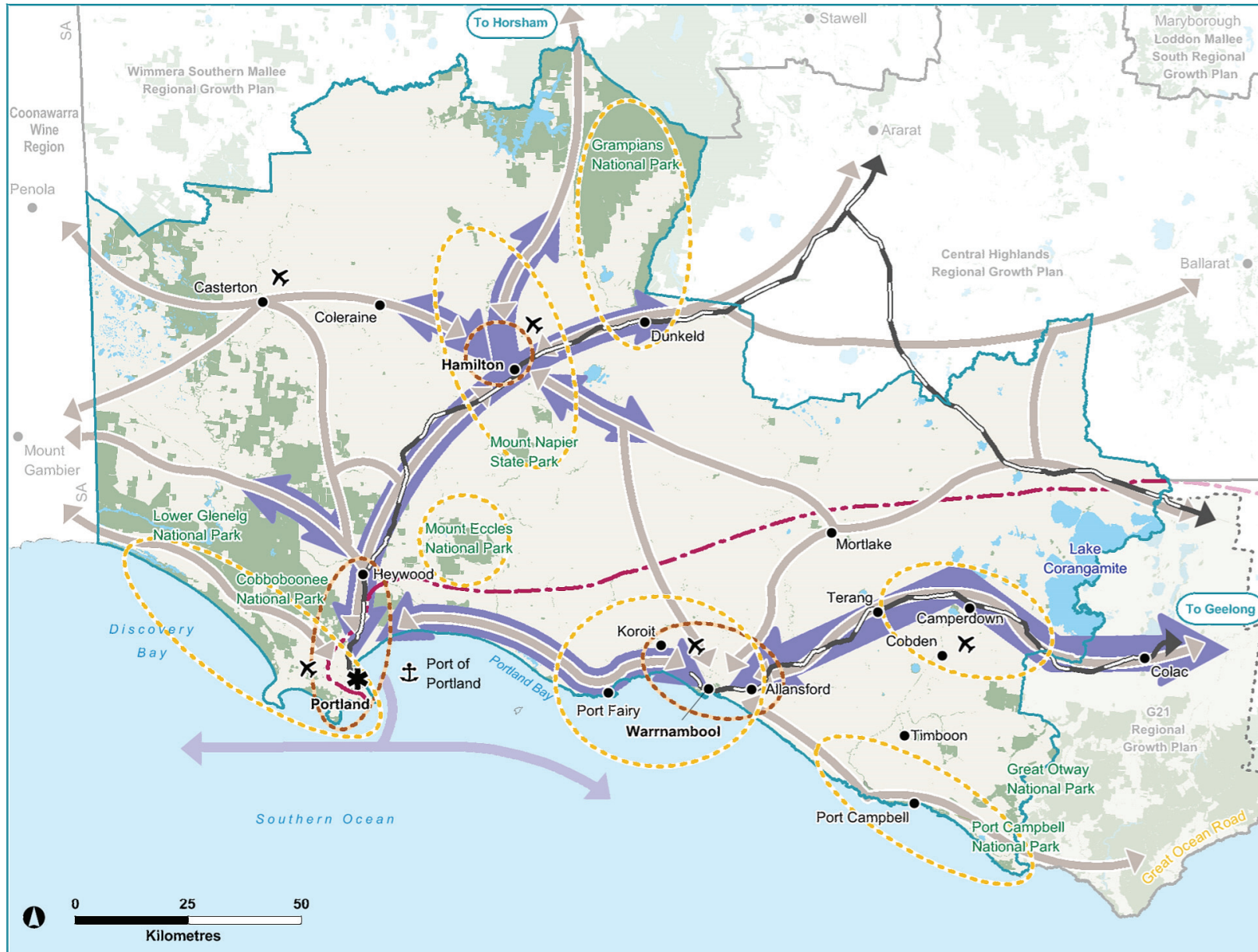




- Enhance processing capacity for local and inter-regional products
- Electricity transmission line (500 kV)
- Improved regional connection
- Investigate the future role and required infrastructure for regional airports
- Support the expansion of the Port of Portland
- Port

- Key road corridor
- Key rail corridor
- Sea freight

- Support the development of tourism infrastructure
- Public land
- Lakes and wetlands

General infrastructure

Identify new and improved infrastructure to support growth, including road, rail, water, waste, gas, sewer and social infrastructure. Maximise the efficient use of infrastructure and sustain communities by directing major growth and urban development to existing centres.

Infrastructure for growth areas

Plan and capture developer contributions and coordinate the delivery of infrastructure to ensure it is supplied efficiently and when required to support growth.

Transport connections (road, rail and sea freight)

Investigate improvements to the road and rail networks and port infrastructure to improve access and connectivity. Improved road connections and rail services to and from Warrnambool will facilitate its growth and support increased visitors to the region from Geelong and Melbourne. Improved road and rail connections to and from the west, north and north-east to Hamilton and Portland will support tourism, industry and community connections.

National Broadband Network

Encourage the early provision and take-up of the National Broadband Network by households and industry across the region.

Telecommunications

Improve the coverage and reliability of telecommunications across the region.

Electricity

Encourage local energy production and use with supporting smart electricity distribution systems. Encourage using the spare capacity in the 500 kV transmission line including improving local energy distribution systems and supporting adjacent energy production.

Marine

Support the sustainable development of the region's marine environment and infrastructure for industry and recreational uses.

Freight

Investigate industry need for an intermodal freight terminal. Maintain and enhance key infrastructure including the Port of Portland and direct transport links from production, processing and markets.

Port of Portland

Support the port's expansion through appropriate planning controls, infrastructure provision (particularly rail and road networks) and areas to meet the long-term industrial land needs in and around Portland, Hamilton, Heywood and Casterton.

Tourism infrastructure

Maintain and develop tourism infrastructure to support and connect assets such as the Great Ocean Road, Great Southern Touring Route, Lake Condah and the Grampians National Park.

Community

Support the renewal, maintenance and improvement of health and educational facilities and other community infrastructure that enhance the liveability and attractiveness of the region.

