**SETTLEMENT NETWORK**

- Horsham – Regional city
  - Reinforce the role of Horsham as the key population and employment centre for the region. Locate major regional facilities in this city, particularly commercial activities in the central activities district. Provide for residential growth through infill development and investigate further greenfield sites to the west for medium to long term expansion of the city.

- District town
  - Support the ongoing growth and development of District Towns as the key service hubs within their sub-regional communities of interest. Ensure that these towns provide a supply of residential and employment land to facilitate growth as required.

- Town
  - Continue to provide local and some sub-regional services. Residential growth will generally be provided by infill development.

- Small settlement
  - Plan for change in small settlements to make them more resilient and adaptable. Ensure that these communities retain access to services within the town or local community of interest.

- Stawell-Ararat relationship
  - Recognise the close relationship between Ararat and Stawell and plan for these towns as a cohesive sub-regional cluster of housing, employment and services.

- Halls Gap – tourism hub
  - Support the development of Halls Gap as a resort town and tourism focal point for the region.

- Key hubs external to the region
  - Partner council

**INFRASTRUCTURE**

- Key road corridor
  - Improve passenger access to services in towns throughout the region and to other large centres. Ensure that the capacity of the network meets freight demands around the region and to external markets.

- Wimmera Mallee Pipeline trunk routes
  - Take advantage of water security to encourage more intensive agriculture and industry in areas serviced by the pipeline and encourage tourism based on the region’s wetlands and lakes.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Preferred location for medium-large piggery and broiler farm intensive agriculture
  - Note that application of these principles should not be limited to the resource and economic development opportunities shown on this plan.

- Preferred location for medium-large cattle and lamb feedlot intensive agriculture

- Freight and industry gateway

- Mineral sands mining proposal

- Bioenergy cluster

- Key tourism asset

**ENIRONMENT**

- Areas containing high value terrestrial habitat

- Public land

- Lakes and wetlands

- Rivers

**Manage risks to settlement growth from natural hazards**

- Urban flood considerations
  - Urban flood considerations are based on existing overlays.

- Urban bushfire considerations

- Areas containing high value terrestrial habitat
  - Protect the region’s environmental assets and encourage greater connectivity between areas with high natural values. Ensure significant landscapes are recognised and protected.

(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 Management Plans. Does not include Bushfire Prone Areas.