

# Loddon Mallee South

# Map 5: Strategic assets



## Strong transport networks

The region is located centrally in the state and is highly accessible and attractive to live, work and visit. The existing transport corridors provide links within and outside the region, providing for capacity for the region to grow. Strategically renew, maintain and develop infrastructure to maximise opportunities and services to meet anticipated need. The upgrade of Bendigo airport will facilitate existing emergency services access and potential future passenger services.



Freeway



Road



Rail



Airport

## Water ways

The region contains significant water assets. These rivers, waterways and wetlands contribute to the attractive natural environment and support important ecosystems, heritage values and provide essential water supply to the region's people, industry and environment.

## Health, education, finance and research facilities

These assets service communities both within and outside the region. The upgrade to the Bendigo Hospital, the growth of institutions such as Latrobe University and the strong finance sector attract people to the region. They are significant to the economy and growth for the future.

## Settlements

- The region has a network of connected unique settlements which provide for a variety of lifestyle options. These settlements are nestled within forest and rural areas providing high amenity and attractive landscapes.

## Areas containing high value terrestrial habitat<sup>(1)</sup>

Significant areas of high natural value occur across the region that attract tourists, residents and industry and contain important and environmental assets.

## Mixed farming

The region is agriculturally diverse and can continue to adapt and evolve due to good soils, efficient flexible farming systems and vast tracts of land.

## Irrigation

State significant irrigation.

## Public land

Public land protects many natural, amenity and heritage values within the region and generates tourism and forestry income.

## Significant tourist area

Includes some significant cultural heritage places and landscapes.

