



SETTLEMENT NETWORK

**Bendigo - Regional city - Significant growth**

Promote growth of Bendigo as the regional city. Significant population growth with major residential development. It will be the major population and economic growth hub for the region.

**Regional centres/towns - Manage and support growth**

Manage and support growth in these settlements, reinforcing the network of communities within the region. These settlements will be employment and service hubs. Growth consistent with structure plans, comprising infill and some targeted expansion.

**Encourage sustainable growth in Bendigo's hinterland towns**

Potential growth and expansion to capitalise on excellent access to Bendigo. Facilitate the growth of Marong as a residential and industrial/business location.

**Designated identified growth centre in Plan Melbourne**

Plan Melbourne (Chapter 6 – State of Cities) identifies Gisborne as a peri-urban town with potential to attract housing and population growth out of Melbourne.



Towns and rural centres



Maintain settlement break



Areas within 100 km of central Melbourne



Bendigo hinterland

CONNECTIVITY



Strategically direct growth to locations with good existing infrastructure and infrastructure with the capacity for enhancement.



Explore further opportunities to develop freight-related activities in Marong and Maryborough.

Maintain and strengthen key transport networks, both road and rail for the transporting of freight and people.



ECONOMIC



Facilitate ongoing agricultural productivity and new opportunities that respond to climate change through ongoing adaptation and flexibility.

ENVIRONMENT



Protect and improve the condition of the region's high value terrestrial habitat.



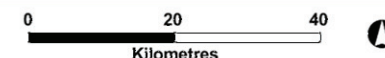
Public land



Lakes



Rivers



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