

# Victoria's Draft 30-Year Infrastructure Strategy

Harness infrastructure for  
productivity and growth



In the past decade, Victoria's population has grown rapidly, putting pressure on infrastructure and service delivery.

New infrastructure investment should help prepare for Victoria's expected longer term growth, maximise the efficiency of existing infrastructure, and be designed to deliver social, economic and environmental benefits.

Demand is increasing for health, education, social housing, justice, and other social services which need enough modern infrastructure to respond to increasing demand, as well as meet the changing demographics and expectations of the community.

To harness infrastructure for productivity and growth, the draft strategy makes recommendations which aim to:

- \ Shape the transport network for better access
- \ Plan for growth areas, and
- \ Align social infrastructure with better service delivery.

## Shape the transport network for better access

Many Victorians depend on the transport network to travel to their jobs, to their place of study, to access services or to attend events. Providing good access to public transport, supported by a modern road network, ensures all Victorians can access employment and services.

The draft strategy recommends:

- \ better road and rail connections across Greater Melbourne
- \ preparation for the Melbourne Metro Two project
- \ reconfiguration of the city loop for cross-train city services, and
- \ connect suburban jobs through premium buses and road upgrades.

Infrastructure Victoria welcomes feedback on all the draft recommendations.

**We are particularly interested in hearing your views on:**

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### Public transport:

What would make buses more attractive to use?

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### Housing:

How much social housing should Victoria aim to build in the next ten years?



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## Plan for growth areas

Melbourne's new growth areas are expanding at a faster rate than anywhere else. The last decade has seen rapid population growth in parts of Cardinia, Casey, Hume, Melton, Mitchell, Whittlesea and Wyndham local government areas.

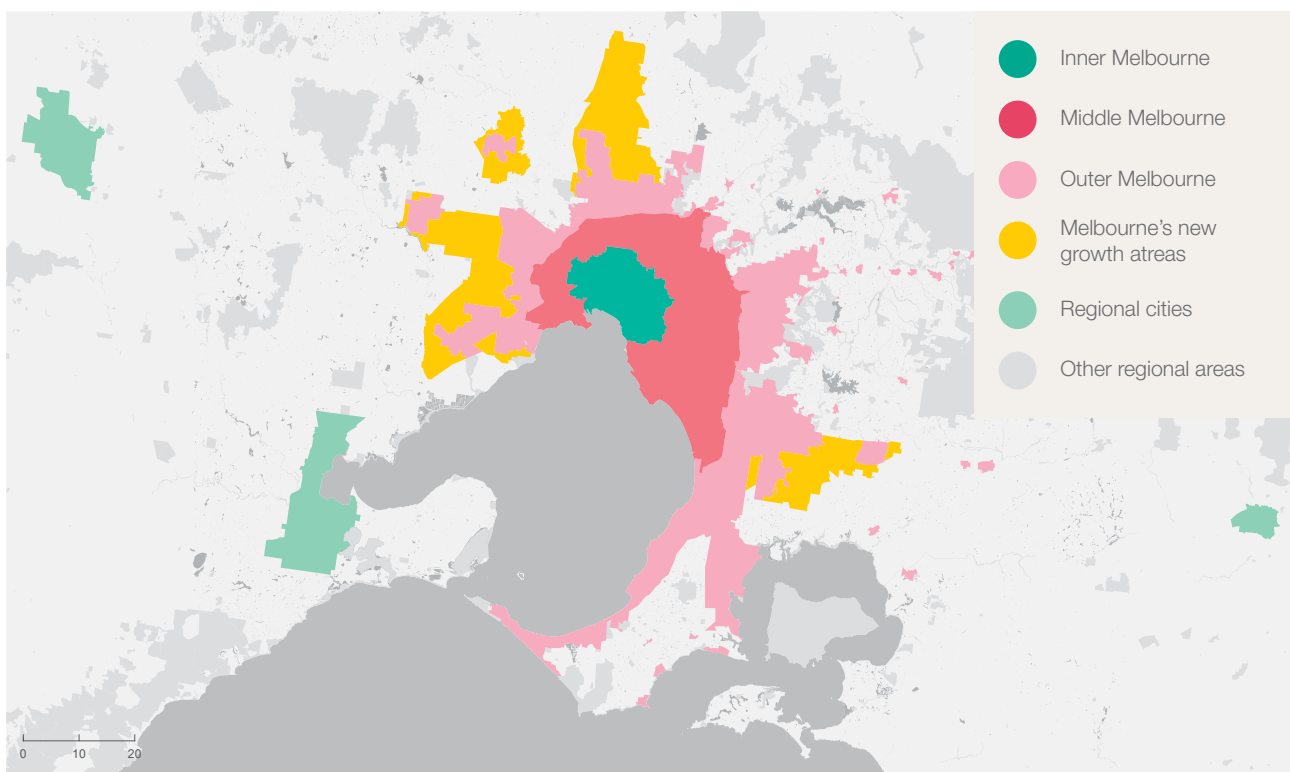
To plan for growth, the draft strategy prioritises access to job opportunities, public transport options, access to community facilities and re-greening public spaces in these areas. It also recommends extending rail lines to outer suburbs and expanding and upgrading Melbourne's outer metropolitan road network.

See a map of Melbourne's functional urban areas below.

Before the coronavirus pandemic, Victoria's population had been growing strongly for over a decade.

In 2019, Victoria added **122,200 extra people** to its population – a **1.9%** increase on the previous year, and the largest increase of all Australian states and territories.

### Melbourne's Functional Urban Areas



## Align social infrastructure with better service delivery

All Victorians need access to education and health services. Many will need additional support such as social housing, emergency services or access to the justice system. The draft strategy recommends providing more social housing and hospital beds to Victorians, improving access to mental health support and delivering safer and fairer corrections and youth justice infrastructure.

An immediate recommendation is to co-design a plan with Aboriginal Victorians to guide investment in Aboriginal community-controlled infrastructure, such as early childhood care, housing, health and disability services.

## How can Victoria harness infrastructure for productivity and growth?

Extensive evidence, research and consultation has informed our recommendations to harness infrastructure for productivity and growth.

### 3.1 Shape the transport network for better access

#	Recommendations
62	Reshape the metropolitan bus network
63	Connect suburban jobs through premium buses and road upgrades
64	Increase suburban rail corridor services and capacity
65	Reconfigure the city loop for cross-city train services
66	Prepare for Melbourne Metro Two
67	Protect a future option for a new cross-city motorway

### 3.2 Plan for growth areas

#	Recommendations
68	Prioritise and oversee infrastructure delivery in growing communities
69	Expand rail access in outer suburbs
70	Expand and upgrade Melbourne's outer suburban road network
71	Target 30% tree canopy coverage in new growth areas

### 3.3 Align social infrastructure with better service delivery

#	Recommendations
72	Co-design an Aboriginal Community-Controlled Infrastructure Plan
73	Set targets to grow social housing
74	Build new hospital capacity
75	Deliver infrastructure for a better mental health system
76	Plan and consistently deliver corrections and youth justice infrastructure while managing demand with policy settings

## How can I take part?

The draft strategy is now ready for review. This is your chance to help shape Victoria's future.

We invite all Victorians to provide feedback on the draft strategy until Friday 26 February, 2021. Victorians can comment on all recommendations, or the parts of the draft strategy that are of interest.

Provide feedback by completing an online survey, making a submission, attending an online event or speaking with the team over the phone. It is part of Infrastructure Victoria's commitment to listen to the community and to hear a wide range of perspectives.

To have your say, visit [infravic.com/30yearstrategy](https://infravic.com/30yearstrategy)

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