

Submission form: Victoria's draft 30-year infrastructure strategy

About you

Please tell us which best describes you:

☒ Victorian resident

☐ Victorian business owner/operator

☐ Industry professional

☐ Community organisation representative

☐ Local government representative

☐ State government representative

☐ Researcher

☐ Other (please specify): Click or tap here to enter text.

Your focus areas

Select the topics or regions you are providing feedback on (select all that apply):

Topics	Regions
☐ Across sectors	☒ Regional Victoria
☐ Circular economy	☒ Urban growth areas
☐ Cities	☒ Melbourne
☒ Climate change	
☐ Community infrastructure	
☐ Education	
☒ Energy	
☐ Freight	
☐ Health	
☐ Housing	
☐ Infrastructure for Victoria's First Peoples	
☒ Transport	
☐ Water	

Your feedback

Add as many sections as you need to provide all your feedback in this submission.

Topic/area:	Victorians are healthy and safe
Recommendation name:	Make local streets safer for children and communities
Recommendation number:	14
1. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ In part
2. Tell us why	Encouraging children and their care givers to walk/ride to school is an excellent investment in their health and learning. Children who walk to school get some exercise, get to meet with peers, are better able to learn once at school and they should be able to navigate their local area more safely without the fear of the hostile environment they currently navigate amongst fast moving vehicles. Making it safer to walk in ones local area will encourage more people to do so and make it a safer and more liveable environment.
3. Share any supporting evidence or examples	https://www.victoriawalks.org.au/news/1372
4. Include proposed changes and improvements	Click or tap here to enter text.

Topic/area:	Victorians are healthy and safe
Recommendation name:	Build safe cycling networks in Melbourne and regional cities
Recommendation number:	15
5. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ In part
6. Tell us why	I am one of the more than 75% of Victorians who are interested in riding if they can use bike lanes separated from car traffic. Bike riding infrastructure in Victoria has for the most part been designed by able bodied men who seem to think that sharing the road with fast moving vehicles of all sizes is a comfortable thing to do. Unfortunately, only about 18% of people who ride bikes in Melbourne are women and a large part of this is due to the terrifying nature of riding a bicycle. I work only 5kms away from home and would

	love the opportunity to ride my bicycle, it would mean getting exercise and it would take about the same time that it takes to drive a car, but unfortunately, I don't feel safe sharing the road with vehicles and so I drive instead. This adds to congestion; it adds pollution and I don't get exercise. This is not good for me and my health, for others sitting in traffic or the environment.
7. Share any supporting evidence or examples	https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Shes-A-Crowd-BN-Synopsis.pdf
8. Include proposed changes and improvements	Click or tap here to enter text.

Topic/area:	Victoria has a thriving natural environment
Recommendation name:	Better use government land for open space and greenery
Recommendation number:	26
9. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ In part
10. Tell us why	Connecting open spaces provides more opportunities to walk and cycle and this is good for health and reducing congestion on vehicle traffic. People who have access to green spaces have improved mental health.
11. Share any supporting evidence or examples	https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC5663018/
12. Include proposed changes and improvements	Click or tap here to enter text.

Topic/area:	Victoria is resilient to climate change and other future risks
Recommendation name:	Speed up household energy efficiency and electrification
Recommendation number:	34
13. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ In part
14. Tell us why	Increasing home efficiency and therefor reducing the need for more power consumption in homes is the first step in reducing our need to create more energy.
15. Share any supporting evidence or examples	
16. Include proposed changes and improvements	Click or tap here to enter text.

More feedback (optional)

Tell us about infrastructure challenges, gaps or opportunities not covered by the draft strategy. This can include things you think we should add to an existing recommendation, or suggestions for a new recommendation.

Please provide evidence for your suggestions. This can include data, specific examples, cost benefit analyses, surveys, or program evaluations. Also, explain how your suggestions align with the objectives of our draft strategy (see page 11 of the draft strategy).

Suggestions for new recommendations should point towards infrastructure opportunities that can deliver long-term benefits for Victorians. They should also be areas where the Victorian Government has a leading role.

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