

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

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Please tell us which best describes you:

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☐ 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 have good access to housing, jobs, services and opportunities
Recommendation name:	Facilitate markets and invest in kindergarten infrastructure
Recommendation number:	2
1. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ In part
2. Tell us why	Council would support Grants being available for Local Governments to expand and provide new Kinders
3. Share any supporting evidence or examples	Council have a number of Kinder facilities that need to be upgrade to accommodate the growth of Warrnambool and 3 year Kinder expansion.
4. Include proposed changes and improvements	N/A

Topic/area:	Victorians have good access to housing, jobs, services and opportunities
Recommendation name:	Plan and deliver expanded and new schools
Recommendation number:	3
5. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ In part
6. Tell us why	The document states nearly all new schools will be in Melbourne's new suburbs. This is of a concern as Council has set aside land for new schools in growth area structure plans. This land would remain undevelopable in the next 30 years. Funding of new public schools in regional Victoria as planned is required.
7. Share any supporting evidence or examples	Warrnambool Growth in the north is not currently service by a public primary school. Land has been set aside for a school in the growth area.

8. Include proposed changes and improvements	Suggest new schools be targeted and funded in Rural Victoria Growth Areas.
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Topic/area:	Victorians have good access to housing, jobs, services and opportunities
Recommendation name:	Expand TAFE in Melbourne's growth areas and some large regional centres
Recommendation number:	4
9. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ In part
10. Tell us why	Support Funding of RuralTafes and South West Tafe
11. Share any supporting evidence or examples	Continued Growth of Tafe Education in the South west and Warrnambool
12. Include proposed changes and improvements	Consider future expansion and upgrades of South West Tafe

Topic/area:	Victorians have good access to housing, jobs, services and opportunities
Recommendation name:	Build libraries and aquatic centres for Melbourne's growing communities
Recommendation number:	5
13. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☒ In part
14. Tell us why	Council supports the funding of Aquatic Centres. Council suggest an allowance of more than 3 needs to be considered.
15. Share any supporting evidence or examples	With the growth of Warrnambool and the aging of the 50m pool, Warrnambool in the next 30 years will need a new facility. Most regional Victorian pools were constructed in the 1960' s and most will probably need to be renewed.
16. Include proposed changes and improvements	More funding be available for regional pools suggest the proposal of 3 pools is not sufficient.

Topic/area:	Victorians have good access to housing, jobs, services and opportunities
Recommendation name:	Run more bus and coach services in regional Victoria
Recommendation number:	12
17. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☒ In part
18. Tell us why	Council supports the funding of more Bus services in Regional Victoria. Council would like Warrnambool to be considered as a priority area for services to be expanded.
19. Share any supporting evidence or examples	With the growth of Warrnambool many new areas in Warrnambool are not serviced by a public bus/transport. The existing network does not service these areas. The last time the network was altered was in 2013. Also more funding needs to be considered for shelter infrastructure as most of the shelters in Warrnambool need replacing.
20. Include proposed changes and improvements	Warrnambool be added as a priority for new public bus network within the City. Consideration be made for more funding for new shelters for Rural Victoria.

Topic/area:	Victorians are healthy and safe
Recommendation name:	Make local streets safer for children and communities
Recommendation number:	14
21. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☒ In part
22. Tell us why	Council supports the proposal for the reduction of 30km/hr in local streets with children activity locations and TAC funding for speed reduction projects
23. Share any supporting evidence or examples	Council would have a number of locations that could be considered
24. Include proposed changes and improvements	N/A

Topic/area:	Victorians are healthy and safe
Recommendation name:	Build safe cycling networks in Melbourne and regional cities
Recommendation number:	15
25. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☒ In part
26. Tell us why	Council supports the proposal for Continue building protected and connected cycle corridors across Victoria
27. Share any supporting evidence or examples	Council would have a number of locations projects that could be considered
28. Include proposed changes and improvements	Being a regional city Warrnambool City Council would like to be added a priority location being considered for such projects
Topic/area:	Victorians are healthy and safe
Recommendation name:	Build more residential alcohol and other drug treatment facilities
Recommendation number:	18
29. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ In part
30. Tell us why	Council would support a facility being built in South West Victoria
31. Share any supporting evidence or examples	Health and Crime data indicate there is a need for this facility in the South West
32. Include proposed changes and improvements	N/A
Topic/area:	Victoria has a thriving natural environment
Recommendation name:	Advance integrated water management and use more recycled water

Recommendation number:	25
33. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ In part
34. Tell us why	Council supports this proposal and has a number of projects identified that could meet this funding need.
35. Share any supporting evidence or examples	Council supports this proposal for funding of these projects. Council has a strategy for Lake Pertobe that needs funding for Integrated Water Management Projects.
36. Include proposed changes and improvements	N/A
Topic/area:	Victoria has a thriving natural environment
Recommendation name:	Use new flood maps to revise planning schemes
Recommendation number:	28
37. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ In part
38. Tell us why	
39. Share any supporting evidence or examples	Council has a number of areas near Waterways which are at high risk. Council is currently working with the community on 2 flood model predictions with some concerns being raised with proposed predicted flooding model outcomes.
40. Include proposed changes and improvements	Council would suggest that this process be managed and resourced by the State Government to reduce Local Political Issues
Topic/area:	Victorians are healthy and safe
Recommendation name:	Reform infrastructure contributions
Recommendation number:	36
41. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ In part
42. Tell us why	Council supports this reform.

43. Share any supporting evidence or examples	Council have a number of DCP plans which have been challenging to manage on budget.
44. Include proposed changes and improvements	N/A

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.

With regard to the draft Strategy, there were very little opportunities for the following infrastructure items, where Council could advocate these for consideration.

1. Port/Coastal Infrastructure
2. Airport infrastructure
3. Battery charging facilities for vehicles
4. Faster Regional Passenger Services
5. Recreation Community Facilities
6. Coastal infrastructure to managed changing tides and rising sea levels