

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

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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:	Housing
Recommendation name:	Build More Social Housing
Recommendation number:	1
1. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ In part
2. Tell us why	Yarra Ranges has a dramatic undersupply of social housing with negligible indications of increased supply on the horizon. It is critical that state do not just focus on middle and inner suburbs in their facilitation of housing outcomes, as Major Activity Centres such as Lilydale have strong access to transport, employment and support some of the high disadvantage in Melbourne
3. Share any supporting evidence or examples	Click or tap here to enter text.
4. Include proposed changes and improvements	Click or tap here to enter text.

Topic/area:	Education
Recommendation name:	Expand TAFE in Melbourne's growth areas and some large regional centres
Recommendation number:	4
1. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ In part
2. Tell us why	There is a critical skills shortage leading to escalating construction costs and high delivery risk for projects.
3. Share any supporting evidence or examples	Click or tap here to enter text.
4. Include proposed changes and improvements	This must include Box Hill Institute Lilydale Campus where there is a strong opportunity to capitalise on the proximity to state leading agriculture and horticulture and one of the highest tourist destination corridors in te state.. With the world famous Yarra Valley and number one destination at

	Puffing Billy there is a lack of skill development and focus in what could be a substantial education and vocational opportunity. With the state's best wineries, orchards, floriculture and tree growing on its doorstep the agriculture and horticulture sector should also have a booming succession plan through young people being fed into the industry. This is a significant opportunity cost of inadequate investment and should be a critical economic generator that complements the high tourism
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Topic/area:	Community Infrastructure
Recommendation name:	Build libraries and aquatic centres for Melbourne's growth areas
Recommendation number:	5
1. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ In part
2. Tell us why	Yes, but this must be inclusive of peri-urban areas such as Lilydale that has a forecast 81% population increase in the next 15 years, and services the Yarra Valley and Upper Yarra corridors. Libraries in particular are a critical community asset that needs to be centred at the heart of the activities. Lilydale has a critical need to relocate back in-centre the previously highest performing library in the region. The failed aquatic facility at Kilsyth has enabled a new visioning of the most impactful and viable urban aquatics solution in Yarra Ranges, once again with a strong preference to be centred around Lilydale. This will address a critical social need that supports rehabilitation, water safety, and improved health at all life stages, and would be a highly valued complement to the health services delivered by Eastern Health and Inspiro, and alleviates the burden on Ringwood and Croydon facilities which are currently at capacity.
3. Share any supporting evidence or examples	Adopted Yarra Ranges Aquatics and Leisure Strategy 2022-2033
4. Include proposed changes and improvements	Include Yarra Ranges Council, especially Lilydale, Mooroolbark and Chirnside Park

Topic/area:	Transport
Recommendation name:	Extend metropolitan trains and run more services in Melbourne's west
Recommendation number:	11

1. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ In part
2. Tell us why	The train network is critical to the successful functioning of our suburban corridors, and investment must continue to capitalise on the excellent outcomes achieved through the Level Crossing Removals program
3. Share any supporting evidence or examples	Yarra Ranges Integrated Transport Strategy 2020–2040
4. Include proposed changes and improvements	This must not be limited to the west. There is a strong need to duplicate the rail corridor between Mooroolbark and Lilydale stations. The LXR project has been future proofed to allow for duplication and the Lilydale Structure Plan is about to be implemented into the Yarra Ranges Planning Scheme with a strong focus on investment attraction, higher density housing and employment. In addition, the Belgrave station multi-deck carpark was future proofed for a future bridge connection to maximise its value for both commuters, the night time economy and alleviate serious traffic pressures in the main street and associated round about which have had a high number of serious traffic incidents. In both instances the foundations have been laid and the outcomes and benefits now need to be seen through to completion.

Topic/area:	Health
Recommendation name:	Upgrade critical public hospital infrastructure
Recommendation number:	20
1. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ In part
2. Tell us why	The current health services in Yarra Ranges are inadequate for future demand and must plan for and deliver future infrastructure that improves access. Eastern Health and Inspiro have been developing a future needs assessment to inform future infrastructure and must be used as a basis to significantly expand health services and create a health services hub. Maroondah's capacity is now stretched and travel times for Yarra Ranges residents can become a significant risk in emergencies.
3. Share any supporting evidence or examples	Seek further information from Eastern Health directly

4. Include proposed changes and improvements	Click or tap here to enter text.
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Topic/area:	Climate change
Recommendation name:	Use new flood maps to revise planning schemes
Recommendation number:	28
1. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ In part
2. Tell us why	This is critical with increased flood events already occurring and consequential landslide and landslip incidents.
3. Share any supporting evidence or examples	Click or tap here to enter text.
4. Include proposed changes and improvements	This must also review the Erosion Management Overlay as it is directly related to increased rain events. It is also essential that the same exercise be carried out for Fire, which has not been mentioned even though there are serious risks to life in current settlement patterns. The Bushfire Management Overlay must also be updated to reflect climate change and be led as a uniform response through a state led amendment.

Topic/area:	Climate
Recommendation name:	Coordinate faster delivery of key energy infrastructure
Recommendation number:	29
1. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ In part
2. Tell us why	Emerging technologies have now been tested and proven, such as biochar, which is an attractive solution for high energy facilities such as aquatic centres, able to process green waste into heat and energy, and a byproduct that is of commercial value for agriculture. This needs to be expanded at scale, with Yarra Ranges a prime candidate for further demonstration projects including its existing and proposed aquatic facilities.

3. Share any supporting evidence or examples	Click or tap here to enter text.
4. Include proposed changes and improvements	Click or tap here to enter text.

Topic/area:	Transport
Recommendation name:	Create and preserve opportunities for future major infrastructure projects
Recommendation number:	43
5. Do you support this topic or recommendation?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ In part
6. Tell us why	Council has two critical major infrastructure corridors that remain without a vision and no adaptation to emerging opportunities and economic needs, or transport transformations. These are the Lilydale Bypass and the Healesville Freeway corridor
7. Share any supporting evidence or examples	Draft Lilydale Bypass Design Framework
8. Include proposed changes and improvements	A critical missing focus is the need to prioritise road solutions that increase amenity and investment in the major activity centres, in particular the Lilydale Bypass, to make it more attractive to housing and employment investments, while also substantially improving the freight and tourist visitation needs to Yarra Valley and Upper Yarra corridors. This is now supported by the adopted Lilydale Structure Plan and a draft Lilydale Bypass Design Framework (attached). Council are advocating to Infrastructure Victoria to seek allocation of funding from Treasury to carry out designs in collaboration with Council, using the Design Framework as a basis, and develop a Business Case for its future delivery. Early discussions with DTP have been strongly supportive, identifying the Design Framework as one of the best pieces of infrastructure planning they have seen in a long time.

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.

