

MUNICIPAL STRATEGIC STATEMENT

The Horsham Municipal Strategic Statement forms the strategic basis of the Horsham Planning Scheme. It outlines objectives for the future growth, development and management of land in the municipality, and sets out strategies to achieve these objectives. These strategies are encapsulated in the policies, zone provisions and other controls of the Planning Scheme.

Horsham Rural City Council has developed its Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) and planning scheme in a consultative manner, and the document is considered to provide a vision which is representative of and supported by the community, industry and government agencies.

The MSS has been prepared within the context of the State Planning Policy Framework (SPPF) which forms part of all Planning Schemes in Victoria. There are five components of the SPPF : Settlement, Environment, Housing Development, Economic Development and Infrastructure. Various elements of the SPPF are reinforced within the Horsham MSS.

The content of the MSS is required to accord with Section 12A (3) of the Planning and Environment Act and is subject to a mandatory three year review. This MSS has been revised following a review conducted in July 2002.

In making decisions under this scheme, the responsible authority will consider the Objectives of Planning in Victoria, the Corporate Goals, and the Strategy Plans and Policies together with the provisions of this scheme including the objectives set out in this Municipal Strategic Statement. Further decision guidelines applicable to this scheme generally are set out in Clause 65, and other Clauses set out guidelines applicable in specific circumstances.