Settlement - Central Highlands

Strategies

Support Ballarat as the main centre for regional growth, services and employment with major growth focussed to the west.

Support urban consolidation, particularly in Ballarat’s Central Business District.

Maintain Ballarat’s Central Business District as the primary focus for commercial, retail and service activity in the city and region.

Support the development of Central Highlands’ regional centres, Ararat and Bacchus Marsh, as the key service centres for each end of the region.

Provide local and sub-regional services at Avoca, Ballan, Beaufort, Clunes, Creswick, Daylesford and Smythesdale to support ongoing growth, particularly closer to Melbourne and Ballarat where towns will provide a key opportunity to target growth pressure.

Direct growth to well serviced settlements with good access to Melbourne or Ballarat, particularly Bacchus Marsh, Ballan, Creswick, Clunes, Beaufort and Smythesdale.

Limit outward growth of Daylesford to minimise environmental impacts and exposure to natural hazards.

Provide adequate land and infrastructure in appropriate locations to support anticipated population growth.

Maintain a clear settlement break between Metropolitan Melbourne and the Central Highlands.