

Telecommunications**Objective**

To facilitate the orderly development, extension and maintenance of telecommunication infrastructure.

Strategies

Facilitate the upgrading and maintenance of telecommunications facilities.

Ensure that modern telecommunications facilities are widely accessible to business, industry and the community.

Ensure the communications technology needs of business, domestic, entertainment and community services are met.

Ensure that the use of land for a telecommunications facility is not prohibited in any zone.

Encourage the continued deployment of broadband telecommunications services that are easily accessible by:

- Increasing and improving access for all sectors of the community to the broadband telecommunications trunk network.
- Supporting access to transport and other public corridors for the deployment of broadband networks in order to encourage infrastructure investment and reduce investor risk.

Ensure a balance between the provision of important telecommunications services and the need to protect the environment from adverse impacts arising from telecommunications infrastructure.

Planning should have regard to national implications of a telecommunications network and the need for consistency in infrastructure design and placement.

Policy documents

Consider as relevant:

- *Telecommunications Facilities - A Code of Practice for Telecommunications Facilities in Victoria* (Department of Sustainability and Environment, 2004)