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TRANSPORT

This Clause provides a local context to Clause 18 Transport of the State Planning Policy Framework.

Overview

The Shire's distant location from Melbourne means the provision of good quality transport infrastructure is vital in ensuring its economic development and connectivity.

The Princes Highway, Hyland Highway and South Gippsland Highway and Bairnsdale rail line are key transport routes providing access within and into the Shire.

Wellington has well maintained transport networks supporting important economic activity and connected communities. Townships are supported by excellent public transport services. Public transport services are more prevalent in the southern parts of the Shire with a focus on Sale.

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General

Objective

To maintain and develop a range of transport options within the Shire and encourage the use of environmentally friendly sustainable transport options.

Strategies

- Enable delivery of product to both processing and market through the protection and maintenance of the Shire's transport infrastructure including road networks and railway lines.
- Encourage developments to add to the existing transport networks in an efficient manner to facilitate stronger and safer connections between the Shire's communities.

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Road Infrastructure

Objective

To recognise the importance of the Princes Highway, Hyland Highway and South Gippsland Highway.

Strategy

- Ensure development respects the role of the key highways throughout the Shire.
- Protect the efficiency of the highways by requiring development to consider and restrict new accesses to and from these roads.

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Rail

Objective

To recognise the importance of the Melbourne-Bairnsdale rail line to the Shire's connectivity.

Strategies

- Ensure development in the vicinity of the rail line does not adversely impact its function or efficiency now and in the future.
- Facilitate development in proximity to the rail network which would benefit from this facility.

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Public Transport Infrastructure

Objective

To improve the provision of public transport throughout the Shire.

Strategies

- Facilitate the improvements to the public transport network to provide services between communities, across the region and connecting to Melbourne.
- Encourage new developments and subdivisions to facilitate the use and provision of public transport services, particularly bus services.

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Walking and Cycling

Objective

To promote walking and cycling as a form of transport.

Strategies

- Develop and implement plans for networks of footpaths and bikeways.
- Encourage new developments to add to existing or provide new networks of footpaths and bikeways.
- Facilitate walking and cycling as a means of improving community health and wellbeing.
- Improve pedestrian circulation and safety.