TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

This Clause provides local content to support Clause 18 Transport and Clause 19 Infrastructure of the State Planning Policy Framework.

Transport

Context and issues
The Shire is well located to export and transport facilities, and this represents a competitive advantage.

Objectives and strategies

Objective 1 To ensure the transport network supports economic opportunities.
- Strategy 1.1 Maintain the efficiency of transport linkages from the Shire to metropolitan and regional markets, facilities and suppliers.
- Strategy 1.2 Protect the efficiency and safety of the Shire’s transport infrastructure to support economic activities.
- Strategy 1.3 Facilitate road and bridge infrastructure to service plantation and agroforestry development.
- Strategy 1.4 Facilitate infrastructure to service the grain industries and intensive animal husbandry operations.
- Strategy 1.5 Recognise the impacts of heavy vehicles on road and parking infrastructure.

Objective 2 To encourage the development and use of sustainable forms of transport.
- Strategy 2.1 Create direct walking and cycling routes to connect with public transport stops and activity centres such as shops, sports centres and to town centres.
- Strategy 2.2 Support convenient and safe public transport to Townships.
- Strategy 2.3 Support safe and attractive spaces and networks for walking and cycling.

Development infrastructure

Context and issues
All the towns in the Shire have reticulated water supplies provided either by Central Highlands Water or Barwon Water. Both authorities have programs to improve water quality. Central Highlands Water, which has its involvement in the northern part of the Shire, believes it can service most of the anticipated growth within its area. The exception is the higher land southeast of Scarsdale extending to the area south of Ross Creek. Central Highlands Water believes that the existing supply systems, with minor augmentation works, are adequate to cater for the existing populations and anticipated growth in the immediate future.

The extent of sewerage systems in the Shire is limited to Woodlands Estate (near Enfield), Bannockburn and Smythesdale. Central Highlands Water will assess the need for sewerage in Scarsdale and Linton when development and growth has reached a stage where it is warranted.

The site for the Bannockburn Sewage Treatment Plant is located to the west of the township, between Stephens Road and Bruce’s Creek, in proximity to the golf course.

Some areas in the Shire are not suited to effluent disposal using conventional septic tank systems. To protect environmental quality and increase development potential other forms of effluent disposal will need to be utilised.

Objectives and strategies

Objective 1 To ensure development has adequate water and sewerage infrastructure.
- Strategy 1.1 Support development in areas with access to infrastructure.
- Strategy 1.2 Require the developer to provide adequate water and sewerage infrastructure.

Objective 2 To improve the quality of stormwater runoff entering waterways and groundwater.
- Strategy 2.1 Require best practice stormwater management to be incorporated into development.
Strategy 2.2  Require stormwater management infrastructure to be incorporated into development in unsewered towns.

Objective 3  To provide clear and consistent guidelines for the planning, design and construction of infrastructure.

Strategy 3.1 Require new subdivision and development that has regard to the objectives and requirements of the Infrastructure Design Manual.

Implementation
The strategies for development infrastructure will be implemented through the planning scheme by:

Policy Guidelines

Reference documents
Infrastructure Design Manual (as revised), Local Government Infrastructure Design Association.