

VISION

Future Melbourne 2008 is the community's plan to grow Melbourne as a global city and as one of the top ten most liveable and sustainable cities in the world. The plan's vision for the municipality is of a **bold, inspirational and sustainable city**.

To achieve this vision, *Future Melbourne* has six high level goals for Melbourne to be:

- a city for people,
- a creative city,
- a prosperous city,
- a city of knowledge,
- an eco-city, and
- a connected city.

Key issues underpinning this vision that direct land use planning in Melbourne are:

Settlement

To accommodate the municipality's growth over the coming 20 to 30 years the footprint of intensive growth areas will need to expand beyond Central City (Hoddle Grid, Docklands and Southbank) into designated new urban renewal areas.

Development in established residential areas will be limited to respect the existing neighbourhood character and heritage values of these areas.

Environment and Landscape Values

Continued protection of the health of ecological systems and the biodiversity they support continues to be relevant.

Built Environment and Heritage

Protecting existing built form character and heritage, in addition to providing an attractive and liveable built environment in parts of the City where development will intensify is essential. Also important is minimizing the ecological footprint of the City and managing the City so that it is responsive to climate change.

Housing

An important role for the city is in providing housing to accommodate the expected significant population growth. In a densely developed city, it is a challenge to achieve a diversity of housing choices, housing affordability, a good standard of building design and amenity.

Economic Development

The City of Melbourne makes an important contribution to the economic prosperity of the state through the provision of its local, corporate and global businesses, its strong retail, major cultural, sporting and tourism industry, and its significant industrial uses.

Transport

A priority for the City is maximising the use of sustainable modes of transport, in particular public transport, and supporting improved cycling and walking connections. Private motor vehicles will continue to be an important part of the mix of modes available but their use will become increasingly complementary to the other transport modes.

Infrastructure

There is a need to reinforce the efficient use of existing infrastructure and to provide new infrastructure to accommodate changing needs particularly in growth areas.