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PURPOSE OF THE MUNICIPAL STRATEGIC STATEMENT

The Mornington Peninsula Municipal Strategic Statement develops a vision for the future of the Mornington Peninsula, expressed in terms of number of major objectives, and sets in place a strategic framework to achieve these objectives.

The objectives included in the statement reflect Council's understanding, based on extensive consultation, of the diverse, long-term needs and values of the community. It is in terms of these needs and values that the statement identifies the land use opportunities and challenges that face the Peninsula. The strategies, in turn, seek to recognise the social, economic and environmental processes that shape the Peninsula and to apply planning principles that are capable of providing effective management of these processes, and their cumulative outcomes.

The major aims of this statement are:

- To assist the implementation of the objectives of planning in Victoria, the State Planning Policy Framework and Council's municipal vision.
- To provide a clear and positive statement of sustainable, long term objectives for the future use and development of land on the Mornington Peninsula and the means by which they will be achieved.
- To provide the basis and justification for the application of zones, policies and overlay provisions in the new Mornington Peninsula Planning Scheme.
- To define the distinctive role of the Mornington Peninsula in the broader context of metropolitan Melbourne.
- To provide guidance to Council, the community and developers in the assessment of land use and development proposals, planning scheme amendments and other policy related issues. This Statement must also be considered by all authorities, agencies and infrastructure providers in the formulation of their own strategic plans.