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**INTRODUCTION**

The Yarriambiack Shire Municipal Strategic Statement sets out strategies and directions for the land use planning and development of the Shire over the next 15 years. During the planning period, it is intended that the Municipal Strategic Statement be reviewed every three years.

The Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) has been prepared by the Shire Council in consultation with community and government agencies. It provides the context for the preparation of the Yarriambiack Planning Scheme, the administration of the scheme, and specific actions Council will take to achieve the agreed vision and strategy.

The MSS encompasses the broad goals of the Shire within the context of the overall State Planning Policy Framework as set out in the Victoria Planning Provisions and has been prepared within the Shire's regional context. The MSS focuses on the key land use planning and development issues relating to economic development, settlement, infrastructure provision, and the environment.