

Brooklyn Community Reference Group

METROPOLITAN PLANNING STRATEGY

As we look to the next 30-40 years we need a strategy to manage our changing city and state. A new Metropolitan Planning Strategy is currently being prepared to ensure the valued aspects of Melbourne are protected while allowing for our future needs. The strategy will include links to the Regional Growth Plans currently being developed and the approved Growth Corridor Plans. Together these plans will provide a long-term vision for Victoria by providing communities, businesses and local government the confidence, flexibility and certainty needed to make informed decisions about their future.

The new Metropolitan Planning Strategy will consider housing choice, transport accessibility, economic growth, environmental protection, infrastructure, community facilities and services to support growth.

In May 2012, Planning Minister Matthew Guy established a Ministerial Advisory Committee to direct the development of the strategy. The committee is chaired by Melbourne-based international urban planner Professor Roz Hansen and includes members Brian Haratsis, Chris Gallagher, Professor John Stanley, Tony Nicholson and Bernard McNamara.

The Ministerial Advisory Committee has developed nine strategic principles, which will be tested with local government and industry stakeholder. The resulting principles will guide the development of a Discussion Paper to be released in later this year. Consultation on the Discussion Paper will inform the preparation of a draft strategy due for release mid 2013.

How will it apply to the Brooklyn Tottenham Precinct?

The Metropolitan Planning Strategy will apply to all metropolitan Melbourne including the Brooklyn Tottenham Precinct. The Victorian Government will be assessing the significance of the area and may set directions according to the area's future role. The future planning for Brooklyn Tottenham will be guided by the directions set by the strategy.

Who will be consulted?

The strategy will be informed by stakeholder and community input and feedback together with rigorous research and evaluation.

The second phase of consultation with local government and industry stakeholders will take place over the next two months. Previously the Minister for Planning Minister for Public Transport and Roads meet with metropolitan councils and major planning stakeholders.

The Government will also embark on extensive public consultation with local government, community groups and the general public to ensure all Victorians have a chance to make comment on the future of Melbourne.

How do I get involved?

A dedicated website has been launched, which includes fact sheets on a range of topics. For more information, go to www.planmelbourne.vic.gov.au. You can provide comments via this website's online forums, polls and Plan Melbourne Twitter. Future opportunities will be publicised via this website and through the Plan Melbourne e-newsletter.

As you consider the future of the Brooklyn Tottenham area, you can provide feedback on the role you want it to play in the future of Melbourne.