



FACTSHEET

Creation of six new Central Activities Districts

Melbourne's population is growing and will be home to five million people faster than previously anticipated.

***Melbourne @ 5 million* builds on the foundations of *Melbourne 2030* to create a refined settlement structure for the city.**

Good planning will allow Melbourne to remain one of the world's most liveable cities as our population increases.

Moving to a city with many centres

A refinement of the settlement pattern for metropolitan Melbourne is required to accommodate population growth and manage congestion.

We need a 'multi-centre' city structure that builds on the principles and directions of *Melbourne 2030* but acknowledges the need for a better distribution of jobs and activity, so that Melburnians can work closer to where they live.

Moving from one Central Activities District to a number of CBD-like centres will reduce congestion and enable people to spend less time commuting to and from work and more time with their family.

Central Activities Districts will be large suburban centres where housing and commercial development will take place. They will have a wide range of services and jobs similar, but on a smaller scale, to Melbourne's CBD.

Refined policy

Melbourne 2030 provides for a network of activity centres of varying roles and functions to allow for their orderly planning and development.

The scale of growth now anticipated suggests a need for identified Principal Activity Centres to be reclassified as Central Activities Districts.

These centres come into the typology of centres as follows:

- Central Activities Districts
- Principal Activity Centre
- Major Activity Centre
- Specialised Activity Centre
- Neighbourhood Activity Centre.

Six new Central Activities Districts will be developed within the metropolitan area – Box Hill, Broadmeadows, Dandenong, Footscray, Frankston and Ringwood.

What are Central Activities Districts?

A small number of designated Central Activities Districts will be the focus of a substantial proportion of future employment growth and public investment. They will provide:

- Significant CBD-type jobs and commercial services
- A strong and diverse retail sector
- Specialised goods and services drawing on a large regional catchment
- Significant opportunities for housing redevelopment in and around these centres
- High levels of accessibility for walking, cycling, public transport or car by being located at junctions in the Principal Public Transport Network
- Vibrant centres of community activity with a range of public facilities.

Government support for Central Activities Districts

The Government will invest in the development of the Central Activities Districts to help cater for and sustainably manage the anticipated scale of growth and change.

Melbourne already has the building blocks in place for Central Activities Districts in areas such as Dandenong, Footscray and Box Hill. They will now be expanded by providing more infrastructure and transport, as well as by attracting more private development.

Each Central Activities District is different in its role, local conditions and opportunities however all are of state and metropolitan significance. The government will tailor its support for each centre as it develops.

For example, Dandenong is already receiving significant government assistance with planning for its future as well as direct investment and this will continue. Additional support will be provided in Footscray, Broadmeadows, Box Hill, Frankston and Ringwood in the short to medium term.

Investments in Central Activities Districts will build on the achievements of the Transit Cities program, which served as the initial demonstration program for transit-oriented development.

Metropolitan activity centres not designated as Central Activities Districts will continue to be eligible for government investment and support through programs such as *Creating Better Places* and the *Expert Assistance Program*.

Existing commitments to regional transit cities will continue.