MAJOR CITIES

While both the number of major cities and the population that inhabits them have increased significantly, there has been some consideration given to how access to green space and use of technology may benefit people; the increase in population has also created a renewed emphasis on care for community and connectedness.

New industries have emerged as people's needs and values have changed and evolved. As population has grown, access to resources, materials, goods and budgets have become harder. However, there is now greater collaboration between key areas as people look for new ways of doing things.

INNER REGIONAL

Over time many of the inner regional areas have developed into major cities, with new inner regional communities emerging in areas that would have been once considered remote.

As well as population increase, once smaller towns have expanded to accommodate new residential developments, new businesses and industrial areas. Access to services and goods has become easier, but there has also been an effort to preserve farmland and the connectedness often felt in smaller communities.

OUTER REGIONAL

With population growths and shifts, outer regional centres have seen a diverse range of impacts. Some towns have grown, bringing new business and employment opportunities, while others have shrunk with people seeking alternative lifestyles offered by the bustle of bigger towns or cities, or seeking the smaller close-knit communities they have been used to.

These changes have happened rapidly in many cases, which means that some of the effects of population change—access to goods and services, transport, infrastructure, housing—have been felt more intensely.

REMOTE REGIONAL

The population in remote areas has mostly shrunk with people moving in search of diverse employment opportunities. Most people live on large farms, surrounded by undeveloped land, which is vital in protecting Victoria's native wildlife and plants.

Properties are isolated, even from neighbours, so opportunities to socialise through community events and sports clubs are extremely important. Many essential services either have been or will be moved to more populated areas. Despite some challenges, the people in these remote communities love where they live.